A DANGER Signal for SAFETY of the 5 Scottsboro Boys

The deliberate stabbing of Charlie Weems, one of the five imprisoned Scottsboro boys, by a prison guard in Montgomery is one of the most dastardly crimes ever perpetrated by the lynch officials of Alabama.

It sounds the danger signal for the safety of all the boys.

The conscience of the whole American people must be aroused in protest against this fascist attempt to murder these innocent Negro youths. The national anti-lynch conference of the National Negro Congress, just held in Washington, has set tomorrow, March 25 (seventh anniversary of the Scottsboro cases), as national protest day, and April 9 as the day for nation-wide anti-lynch demonstrations. Send protests to Governor Bibb Graves, Montgomery, Ala., demanding: punishment of the lynch-attacker of Weems, and the safety and freedom of all the boys.

Attend the city-wide demonstration for the passage of the anti-lynching bill at this session of Congress, and for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys—on April 9, at 1 P. M., in Union Square!

Mexico President Bars Oil Sale to Fascist Powers
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HITLER RUSHES 30,000 PICKED NAZI TROOPS TO SPANISH FRONT

5,000 Italian Fascists, 18 Planes Arrive at Cadiz Port

By Joseph North
(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

BARCELONA, March 23.—Hitler is mobilizing 30,000 Schutz-Staffel troops of his elite guards to rush to Spain while Mussolini is stepping up his shipments of men and material.

Five troop ships have arrived at the fascist-held port of Cadiz, bearing 5,000 Italian soldiers and 18 planes.

Since March 10, it was learned here today from reliable sources, eye-witnesses have seen the ships, noted their names and counted the materials and the men: 4,500 infantrymen, 500 Black Shirts, 15 pursuit planes, three bombers, three oil trucks, eight truck chassis, as well as innumerable cases of ammunition.

The ships transporting this material were the Draca, Mendi and Jupiter on March 10, an Italian hospital ship, Marco Negro, on the 16th.

FASCISTS DESPERATE

These facts prove the super-human defense of the Republican troops, which has slowed the Italian drive to a standstill but has also determined Rome and Berlin to throw all possible resources into Franco's forces.

They aim to smother the defenses of the brave republic before the democracies will determine upon an effective line of protest.

It is war of two and one-half countries against the Spanish people.

At present a lull in the fighting is being utilized by the fascists to consolidate their gains and map a continuation of their drive.

The spearhead they hold toward the coast of Mantalban, Caspe and Alcaniz has been unable to pierce deeper—hence the frantic shipments of more materials while the democracies deliberate and delay coming to the aid of Spain.

Those delays permit fascism to increase the danger to all republics and to bring nearer the danger of world war.

The Republic is aware of the danger and the people literally toil day and night to meet the next big push.

DETERMINE TO FIGHT ON

An extraordinary session of the Popular Front National Committee, including Vidarte for the Socialists, Baeza and Medina for the Left Republicans, Mija for the Communists and Nalonson for the Republican Union, arrived at this conclusion: to continue to fight until the end of fascism, with no compromise, no vacillation.

The CNT mouthpiece, Solidaridid Obrera, put it this way yesterday: "Although great odds confront us, we say with utmost serenity (the Spanish word is just that 'serenidad') that we can win. To armaments and fortifications add the will to win of our people and you have the ingredients of victory.

"The CNT-UGT pact is combing the force and enthusiasm to supply the necessary armaments to our heroic soldiers. As a tremendous contribution toward victory, at the fronts and in the factories, we shall conquer, whatever the cost."

And on the beautiful principal avenue leading to the Plaza de Catalunya, I saw a sight today which illustrates the spirit of Spain.

A crowd of Basque refugees crowded about their headquarters where a stage had been set up by the Guerrilla Theater of the Department of Education.

Suddenly, on this street which a few short days ago had been intermittently bombed for 42 hours, an outdoor theater was set up and a troupe of acts appeared on the stage.

The first scene consisted of two Spanish dancers in native garb, while a chorus behind sang a song with the refrain, "We shall dance our Spanish dances and Franco cannot stop us."

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Pope Protests Fascist Bombing of Barcelona

Roman Catholic Pontiff Instructs Vatican Charge D'Affairs in Salamanaca to Make 'New and Urgent' Demarche to Fascists

VATICAN CITY, March 23.—Pope Pius XI today protested to General Francisco Franco, Spanish fascist chieftain, against the "horror" of fascist air raids on Loyalist cities.

The protest, though it spoke of "the noble sentiments of General Franco," was relayed to Franco after his previous "explanations and declarations" had failed to halt the bombings of open cities. Franco's fascist junta has been recognized by the Vatican.

Osservatore Romano, announcing the Pope's intervention in behalf of the Spanish civilians, said the Pontiff on Monday instructed the Vatican Charge d'Affairs at Salamanca, Monsignor Ildebrando Antoniutti, to make the "new and urgent" demarche to Franco regarding the bombing of open Spanish cities.

A similar demarche was made by the Pope in February, it was disclosed.

Osservatore Romano said the Pontiff had intervened in a humane manner on behalf of all Spaniards.

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Cardinal Hayes 'Hopes' For Victory for Franco

Patrick Cardinal Hayes said yesterday he hoped fascist General Franco would win in his war against the democratic Spanish government. The 70-year-old prelate said he was praying for a fascist victory.

The interview was given at his residence at 452 Madison Ave., the day after Pope Pius' appeal to Franco to cease the bombing of civilian populations. It coincided with a storm of protest against fascist atrocities from Catholics and Protestants alike.

But Cardinal Hayes even suggested to reporters that Franco be given a boost. "There has been a strange disposition," he said, "to believe that everything that the Loyalists have done has been correct."

"Why not give Franco a shove too?"

He said he found it "difficult to believe" that Franco had ordered the bombing of Barcelona, but added, "I don't approve of it, if it is true."

He was asked to comment upon the recent appeal of Bishop Robert L. Paddock, retired Episcopal bishop and other bishops to the Catholic Hierarchy to condemn the Barcelona bombings.

"Let them appeal if they enjoy it," the cardinal said, "it doesn't hurt anyone."

French Catholics Assail Bombing of Barcelona

PARIS, March 23 (Spanish Press Agency).—The bombing of Barcelona and other civilian centers was vigorously condemned today as "totalitarian" war tactics "dishonoring any camp using them" in a joint statement issued on behalf of French Catholics by the French Committee for Civil and Religious Peace in Spain and the Spanish Committee for Peace. Msgr. Bishop E. E. Beaupin and many other notable Catholics were among those signing.

"The methods of totalitarian war employed against non-combatants," the statement declared, "are a crime unjustified by any strategic reason and dishonoring any camp using them. In particular, massive bombardments of centers of civil population where military objectives, if existing, are undiscriminated, must be considered measures of terrorism, whether avowed or not. We are presently witnessing a recrudescence of these methods.

In addition to Msgr. Bishop Beaupin, the signatories included such noted Catholic writers as Jacques Maritain, professor at the Catholic Institute of France; Francois Mauriac and Louis Gillet, members of the Academie Francaise; George Duhamel, Alfred Mendizabal and Victor Montserrat.

(Note:—The committees referred to in the cable are described as "almost entirely Catholic" in The Tablet, Catholic weekly published in London, issue of March 12, 1938.)

Clergy Denounce Nazi Invasion of Austria

Ninety-nine Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders joined yesterday in a denunciation of the German government for its "oppressive legislation and campaign of hatred" in Nazified Austria.

The group, which included prominent clergymen, editors and divinity school presidents, issued a manifesto of protest which disclaimed any desire to embarrass relations between the United States and Germany but said:

"No considerations of international policy or the comity of nations can obligate us to keep silent in the face of an assault on human rights and liberties which in their significance transcend geographical boundaries and diplomatic conventions.

"The present crisis makes us vividly aware that although there are historical differences between Catholics, Protestants and Jews . . . they stand together on common ground in defending human rights and liberties.

"We therefore, join in expressing our profound abhorrence of the course of oppression and incitation, the denial of the rights of minorities, the restrictions on freedom of conscience and the arbitrary suppression of political and civic equality already instituted in Germany and now being extended into Austria."

Soviet Ambassador Speaks Tonight At Mecca Temple

A capacity audience is expected to be present at Mecca Temple Auditorium tonight to hear the address of A. A. Troyanovsky, Soviet ambassador to the United States, on "The Soviet Union and Present World Affairs."

Mr. Troyanovsky will outline his government's position in the present international crisis, and will devote a special portion of his address to the significance of the recent trial of the Trotsky-ist fascist agents in Moscow.

A particularly dramatic feature of the meeting will be the message which Upton Sinclair, American novelist, will address to the audience by telephone from California.

The proceedings tonight will begin promptly at 8 P.M., with Dr. Corliss Lamont presiding, the Committee of Sponsors announced. The box office at Mecca Temple, 55th St. between 6th and 7th Aves., will be opened at 6:30 P.M.

NEGRO LEADER HAILS FDR ANTI-LYNCH STAND

John P. Davis Says Negro Congress to Spur Fight for Wagner Bill

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—On the eve of a nation-wide campaign for passage of the anti-lynching bill, John P. Davis, Secretary of the National Negro Congress, hailed President Roosevelt's proposals for new anti-lynching legislation if the southern filibusters continue to block the Wagner-Van Nuys measure as "a step in the right direction."

Davis emphasized however, that "the Negro Congress will continue to press with all the strength at our disposal for passage of the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill."

Sitting at his desk making final preparations for the Negro Congress campaign, Davis said that a new drive for the anti-lynching bill was launched at a national conference held here last weekend and attended by 130 delegates.

The first step in this drive, he declared, will begin tomorrow on the eighth anniversary of the imprisonment of the Scottsboro boys with a telegram barrage from all over the country to every Senator demanding passage of the anti-lynching bill.

Telegrams will also be sent to Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama urging the immediate transfer of Ozie Powell from the chain gang at

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State Orders Election in Metropolitan

The State Labor Relations Board, in a decision affecting the large industrial insurance field, yesterday ordered an employe election for the 5,000 workers in the 83 agencies of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in the city.

The election was ordered after a petition was filed by the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, which represents the majority of the workers.

Lewis Merrill, international president, last night said that "the nation's 250,000 industrial insurance agents rejoice that the Board upheld the right of the employes of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., kingpin of the insurance empire, to organize into and bargain collectively through our union.

"Now that the Metropolitan's responsibility under the State act has been clearly established, the management should show its willingness to abide by the law by immediately dissolving the Employes Fidelity Organization, a company union, and ending all other unfair labor practices."

250,000 HAIL CARDENAS IN LABOR PARADE

Cheer Nationalization of Oil; CTM Calls March; Cardenas Hits Foes

By Alfred Miller
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, March 23.—Celebrating Mexico's "declaration of economic independence," 250,000 people marched past the National Palace today to cheer President Lazaro Cardenas' decree nationalizing the key petroleum industry.

It was the grandest demonstration in Mexican history, called by the Mexican Confederation of Labor (CTM) to support Cardenas' bold action against imperialist domination of this republic.

Twenty-five deep they marched from 10 o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock as the sun sank in the West.

Vicente Lombardo Toledano, CTM general secretary who has become a national hero, marched with the CTM's national committee and deputies from the national parliament. Senators followed behind them, mingling with the thronged workers.

All shops, stores and banks were closed, the local Chamber of Commerce cooperating fully.

Flags flew everywhere, while the enthusiasm of the crowd was matched by nothing I have ever seen here or anywhere else.

A proposal of the Communist Party to float a national loan has

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Suspend Guard In Scottsboro Boy Stabbing

ILD Urges Widest of Protests in Attack On Weems

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 23 (UP).—John Barton, guard at Kilby Prison, was suspended today pending investigation of the stabbing of Charles Weems, serving 75 years after conviction in the Scottsboro case.

Barton said the Negro threatened him with a pocket knife and a stick. Weems said Barton slashed him and that he picked up a stick to protect himself.

Governor Bibb Graves ordered the suspension pending an investigation.

Pointing out that a knife attack on a prisoner by a prison guard is something indefensible under any pretext whatsoever, Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense, today wired a de-

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Foreign Policy Head Asks Hull to End Spain Embargo

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Professor Raymond Leslie Buell, President of the Foreign Policy Association, warned today that the United States must abandon its policy of "neutrality" towards fascist invasion of Spain "to preserve the good name of the American people."

"If Spain becomes a second Austria," Buell wrote in a letter to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, "it will be partly due to the so-called neutrality policy of the United States."

"A policy of verbally inveighing against aggression and yet in fact of giving aid to aggressors is wholly incomprehensible. To protect the interests of the United States and the good name of the American people, this policy should be changed."

Buell declared that America's policy of "neutrality" in Spain may encourage fascist revolutions throughout Latin America.

"This experience with the Spanish embargo, is a ghastly example of what is likely to happen so long as our present neutrality policy remains in effect. In particular, the application of this anti-civil strike provision to the Western Hemisphere is likely to encourage fascist revolutions throughout the Western Hemisphere."

TORY FEUDALISM LIKENED TO FASCISM BY PRESIDENT; ASSAILS LOW WAGE SCALES

Roosevelt Speaks on National Problems in Gainsville

GAINESVILLE, Ga., March 23 (UP).—President Roosevelt, in his first major address in nearly three months, blamed the "selfishness" of a few citizens today for retarding national progress and prosperity.

Asserting that there still was too little consideration for that third of the population which is "ill-fed, ill-clad and ill-housed," he said that those who believed that such feudalism was the "best system" were leaning toward fascism.

"When you come down to it," he said, "there is little difference between the feudal and the fascist system. If you believe in the one, you lean toward the other."

The President extemporaneously broadened his attack on fascism. He stated that he was equally opposed to Communism. After declaring that feudalism is akin to fascism, he interpolated:

"I am opposed to fascism as I am opposed to Communism."

CALLS HIGHER WAGE

Mr. Roosevelt called for higher wages in the South to provide adequate purchasing power, abolition of "special privilege" and "participation in prosperity by the people at the bottom of the ladder."

To a Congress that has not been enthusiastic about his legislative program, there was a warning that he has not given up the fight for social and economic reforms. He denounced those legislators who vote against legislation for better social and economic conditions and then "fail utterly to offer a better method of their own."

"Today, national progress and national prosperity are being held back chiefly because of selfishness on the part of a few," he said.

". . . This nation will never permanently get on the road to recovery if we leave the methods and the processes of recovery to those who owned the government of the United States from 1921 to 1933. . . .

"The United States is rising and is rebuilding on sounder lines. We propose to go forward and not back."

The occasion of Mr. Roosevelt's address was the dedication of Roosevelt Square and the celebration of Gainesville's rehabilitation following a disastrous tornado two years ago. He stopped to participate in the exercises while enroute to Warm Springs, Ga., for a 10-day vacation.

TALKS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS

The address was the most important the President has delivered since the Democratic Party's celebration of Jackson Day on Jan. 8. Its tone was a surprise. Mr. Roosevelt had been expected to confine himself to praise of the Gainesville citizens for their exemplary work.

But he devoted only a few preliminary paragraphs to the rebuilding of Gainesville. Using the unselfishness of the citizens of Gainesville in rebuilding a better town as an example, he began a discussion of national problems.

"I tell you that this has a national significance," he said, "and I want to give you a few illustrations of where and how the application of this principle (of

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President Talks With Hull



Before starting on his annual vacation to Warm Springs, Ga., President Roosevelt talked with Secretary of State Cordell Hull (at right in photo). Chief Executive took with him largest bundle of unfinished business in years.

Lehman Flooded by Veto Demand of McNaboe Bill

Woodworkers Term Bill Attempt 'To Terrorize Liberals in Public Life'; Women League Urges Veto; AFL Unions Wire Lehman

The Cloak and Suit Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, representing 33,000 members, last night unanimously voted to send a telegram to Governor Lehman urging him to veto the McNaboe-Devaney Bill.

Action of the Joint Board, meeting at 3 West 16th Street, came upon the recommendation of the delegates of Local 9 who were instructed to bring the proposal before the regular meeting.

The McNaboe-Devaney Bill was characterized yesterday as "a deliberate attempt to terrorize those individuals in public life who hold liberal views" as the volume of letters, telegrams and messages to Governor Lehman to veto the bill increased.

Labor unions, officials and members, liberal and progressive organizations continued to press the Governor to veto the bill, designed

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Burden of Sales Tax on Rich Is Alliance Aim

Alliance to March on City Hall Saturday to Protest Cut

As the Workers' Alliance prepared for a giant demonstration at City Hall on Saturday at 11 A. M. to protest the 10 per cent cut in relief, Sam Wiseman, executive secretary of the Alliance, last night countered the Mayor's tax proposals for relief with measures that would shift the burden to higher brackets.

Wiseman laid chief blame for the new taxes and the recent relief cut upon the state legislature and governor for refusing to face the issue, but repeated that the 10 per cent cut cannot be condoned under any circumstances.

All 100 branches of the Workers' Alliance and many unions, were called to mobilize their maximum strength Saturday, 9:30 A.M. at headquarters for a march to City Hall. The demonstration will take the form of a huge picket procession.

CHIEF BLAME ON STATE

"We recognize that the proposed taxes to cover a $10,000,000

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Browder Talks At Town Hall Series Tonight

Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, will deliver a lecture entitled, "Communism in Theory and Practice" in one of a series of ten Town Hall short courses, tonight from 5:30 to 6:50 P.M., at Town Hall, 123 W. 43rd Street.

Students in New York Colleges to Rally Today for Peace

CZECH AIR FLEET IN MANEUVERS ON GERMAN BORDER

Biggest Defense Maneuvers Conducted on Frontier Hemmed by Nazi Patrols—Sudeten Issue in Chamber

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, March 23 (UP).—The biggest air raid defense maneuvers ever staged by this 20-year old republic were conducted along the German frontier today as a new rupture occurred in the government's parliamentary ranks over the Sudeten German issue.

While fighting planes of Czechoslovakia's efficient air force made mock attacks close to the frontier lying in the path of Hitler's ambitions members of the German Christian Socialist Party decided to bolt from the government.

The Christian Socialists, under the leadership of Minister without portfolio Erwin Zajicek and Friederick Stolberg, threw to support of the Sudeten Nazi party six more deputies in the Snemovna, or lower chamber of parliament.

President Benes and Premier Milan Hodza, the latter the leader of the Czechoslovak Agrarians, were in consultation throughout the day. A long meeting was held by a cabinet committee representing all the parties in the government coalition.

The mock air raids staged today extended from Prague to the mountains of Bohemia to the West, along the strategic part of a frontier now rimmed on three sides by Germany. The strategic area is that to which Bismarck referred to 50 years ago when he said: "The rulers of Bohemia will be the rulers of Europe."

An artificial fog, representing poison gas, hung in the streets of Prague for hours as planes of Czechoslovakia's air force of 650 fighting ships made "attacks" on the capital, "bombing" such vital centers as the gas and water works.

The public joined enthusiastically in the war game and the "effects" of the synthetic bombings and gassings were recorded by military leaders.

FASCIST FETE HEARS DUCE THREATEN WAR

Will War on France If Border on Spain Is Opened for Aid

ROME, March 23.—The 19th anniversary of the founding of the Fascist Blackshirts was marked today by saber-rattling speeches against France and Spain, Premier Benito Mussolini defying the world before an assemblage of Fascists in Venice Square.

The National Directorate of the Fascist Party approved an order of the day lauding "with deep pride the bravery of Italy's legionnaires which again has been an essential factor in the fascist victory in Spain."

Italian black shirt legionnaires are playing a prominent part in the fascist Aragon drive to the Mediterranean seaboard.

Simultaneously the Fascist Party newspaper Il Tevere warned France against openly supporting the Spanish Loyalists unless she is ready to have a big war.

A few minutes earlier he had stood at the main entrance of Venice Palace in a review of Cadets of Farnesina Academy who marched passed in the "Passo Romono," copied by Mussolini after the German goose-step.

WARN FRANCE OF WAR

The editorial in Il Tevere warning France about a war with Mussolini's war machine said:

"If France decides to play Moscow's game all the way she will find someone who holds good cards to play a good game.

"If France seizes this occasion for a coup let her be ready to face other coups. If France moves a finger over the (Spanish) frontier there will be a general movement. If France loses her head nobody can say where and when she will find it again.

"We warn France of the moral risk intervention will involve. With this all is set."

Issue Call for Spain Rally at Union Sq. Mon.

SpainAid Groups Appeal for Monster Rally to End 'Neutrality' Law

Horrified by the reports of representatives in Spain of the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Dr. Herman F. Reissig, executive secretary, speaking for the 150 chapters and thousands of friends of the organization, yesterday issued a call for a mass demonstration next Monday at 5 o'clock in Union Square, that will "be heard in Washington and felt in Spain."

"I appeal to every man and woman," Dr. Reissig said, "who has been shocked by the murderers of the sky in Spain, to attend this demonstration. We must end the neutrality law which is responsible for the death daily of hundreds of innocents. Let us make it plainly understood: The embargo must be lifted to permit the Spanish government to import materials for its defense.

Dr. Irving Busch, formerly of Beth Israel Hospital, who has been commendante of the Medical Bureau hospitals in Spain for the past year, will speak at the demonstration. He arrives on the Queen Mary Monday.

Negrin Cables Spain's Thanks To Furriers

Premier Juan Negrin, head of the Spanish government, yesterday cabled Ben Gold, president of the International Fur Workers Union, CIO, thanking him for the union's support of Spanish democracy.

Gold immediately cabled back assuring Premier Negrin of the furriers' "full support until victory is won."

The committee of striking furriers which on Monday initiated a movement to purchase an ambulance for the victims of fascist terror yesterday announced that close to $1,000 had been raised within 73 hours in the strike hall at union headquarters, 250 W. 26th St.

The committee reported that the example of the strikers had inspired all fur workers who were responding to the appeal for the ambulance.

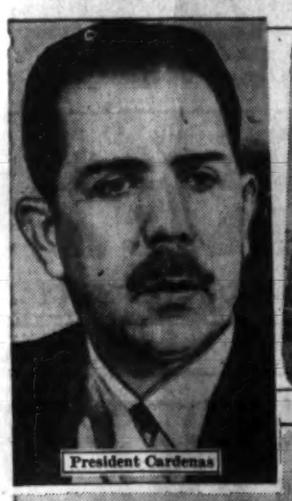
The text of the cable from Premier Negrin said: "Thank you heartily in the government's name and mine for your interest in the Spanish people's cause which, being also that of a free Europe, must result victoriously."

April 2 Anti-Nazi Rally Is Postponed For Garden Meeting

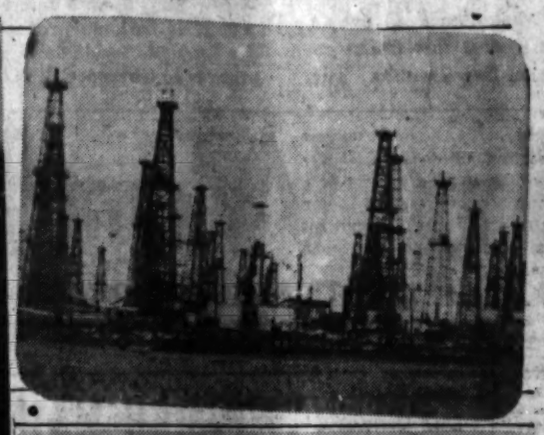
In order that every Communist and all other friends of peace may be able to concentrate all efforts in order to make the Madison Sq. Garden meeting on April 4, under the auspices of the Committee for Peace Through World Cooperation, one of the most outstanding events in the struggle for peace, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party has called off its own demonstration and parade against the Nazi invasion of Austria announced for Saturday, April 2. We appeal to all friends of peace to centralize all their efforts on rallying to Madison Sq. Garden every one we meet from shop, office, school and neighborhood. The Madison Sq. Garden meeting must be the answer of all peace-loving people to the invasion of Austria and the bombing of Barcelona.

New York State Committee,
Communist Party
CHAS. KRUMBEIN,
State Secretary
I. AMTER, State Organiser

Mexico's President Bars Oil for the Wars of Fascism



President Cardenas





View of Tampico oil terminal

A sea of oil-well derricks (upper right) covers the rich oil-fields of Northern Mexico, pumping out millions of tons of crude petroleum for the world's democracies. President Lazaro Cardenas (above), faced with outright rebellion by foreign-owned oil companies which refused to grant pay rises ordered by the courts, decreed the expropriation of these oil properties. He told Mexican diplomats in other countries to make it known that the oil of Mexico was for democratic countries only. The bottom view shows the Tampico oil terminal of the great terminal of the great oil fields formerly owned by the Standard Company of New Jersey.

30,000 Hitler-Picked Army Rush to Spain

Duce Increases Shipments; Loyalist Defense Slows Up Fascists; Popular Front Parley Vows Fight to End; People Confident

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This got a big hand from the poorly-clad refugee audience.

"OUST THE DEFEATISTS"

A stage hand appeared next with a sign naming the next act, "Oust the Defeatista"—the "derrotistas." He tacked a sign over the platform, "Cafe Bar," he put a table there and four chairs.

Then a sly-looking chap with a velvet collar sat down, then a worker in overalls, a woman and a soldier.

The defeatist—the velvet-collored chap, of course—moaned about Teruel and the events in Aragon.

The worker said, "We evacuated Teruel because we did not have to hold it any longer. We wiped out two divisions of the enemy and now we are holding in Aragon.

"If only we had enough munitions, our boys would lick the enemy any day in the week."

The sly fellow in the velvet collar replied, "We can't lick Franco, Hitler and Mussolini combined."

To this the worker replied, "Right here in Spain we have the resources to knock hell out of the invaders. What we need is unity and we are getting that now. With UGT-CNT unity we will be able to supply munitions to our comrades in uniforms."

The soldier replied, "Hombre, when the rearguard workers unite with the army, they can't lick us."

When the derrotista said something derogatory, indicating his pessimism, the worker, soldier and woman all grew angry and the soldier said to the pessimist, "You're the same as a fascist."

OFF TO PRISON

Then the worker, the woman and the soldier shoved the derrotista off the platform and a chap in a trench coat from the Seguridad (the national police) rushed up the steps, showed his badge and hauled the villainous derrotista off to prison.

Everybody cheered and laughed.

"That's the way, hombre," the refugees said. "That's the stuff."

This occurred on a street in which practically every window was blown out by the recent bombardments, and piles of glass are heaped all about the wrecks of former stately buildings.

It was the same sky which a few days ago rained death on a thousand people.

History has given Republican Spain a lion's share in the task of defeating fascism and preventing a terrible world war.

But the democracies must give them aid for their own sake.

L'Humanite, French Communist paper, said yesterday, "The fate of France is being decided in Spain. There is no time to lose. Mussolini and Hitler are not wasting a minute."

O'Connell to Lead Student Peace Rally

Congressman Will Speak at CCNY Meeting at 11 A. M.

Representative Jerry J. O'Connell will come to New York today to head a city-wide demonstration at 11 A.M. of 30,000 college students calling for a United States peace policy by passage of the O'Connell Amendment.

O'Connell will speak at 11 o'clock at the rally at the City College Main Center, where the proposal for the demonstrations originated.

Rallies for peace are also planned at other colleges. Robert Raven, blinded veteran of Spain, will address the meeting at Brooklyn College; the Rev. William B. Spofford will speak at Columbia.

SHOTWELL SPONSORS RALLY

Professor James T. Shotwell, eminent historian and educator and President of the League of Nations Association, has joined the Committee for Peace Through World Cooperation, sponsors of a Madison Square Garden meeting on April 4 to urge fullest American participation in efforts of peace-loving nations to secure world peace.

Dr. Henry A. Atkinson is treasurer of the Committee. The Right Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, Bishop of Albany, will preside at the Garden meeting.

The Committee for Peace Through World Cooperation now consists of Henry A. Atkinson, Harry F. Ward, James T. Shotwell, Henrietta Roelofs, Clark M. Eichelberger, William B. Spofford, Charles G. Fenwick, Margaret Forsyth, Marion M. Miller, William W. Hinckley and Edgar J. Fisher.

A giant Peace Rally will open the Kings County Young Communist League Convention, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Ashland Place and Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, tomorrow night.

Roy Hudson, maritime leader and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, will make the leading address. Hudson, will take for his topic, "Collective Security and the People's Front."

250,000 HAIL CARDENAS IN LABOR PARADE

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found a rapid response, unions, individual workers, peasants, government functionaries and soldiers joining with Cabinet ministers to make initial money contributions.

Minister of Communications and Public Works Francisco J. Mugica lead the personal offers with 6,000 pesos to send to Cardenas.

The Finance Ministry had a telephonic conversation with the President yesterday and announced that the prospects for the national-owned oil industry are considered good.

Further offers from English, French and Swedish firms to purchase oil have been received, and decisions will be announced this week.

The Government will fix indemnity after inventory is taken, deducting the 140,000,000 pesos owed to workers for broken contracts.

A representative here of the James Stuart Company stated that the $30,000,000 credits of the Mexican Government are unaffected by the oil situation.

NAZI-INSPIRED RUMOR FALSE

Rumors circulated by Royal Dutch Shell—run by Sir Henry Deterding, leading advocate of the Nazis—that Tampico workers had held company executives prisoners were proven false by United States Consul S. Armstrong at Tampico.

Virginio Sanchez, a veteran oil union leader, has been appointed treasurer of the general council of the petroleum administration.

Luis Montes de Oca, director of the Bank of Mexico, announced that the Bank has exchanged 10,000,000 paper pesos for silver, which is still abundant in the bank's vaults.

CARDENAS HITS ALARMISTS

Cardenas made a spirited speech to the demonstrations, attacking alarmists who faltered at this strong declaration that Mexico will be dominant in its own economic life.

"We have already stated that the rumors spread by alarmists, by those who are in ambush, who are impassioned by personal interests and continue blindly in their refusal to participate in Mexican economic independence, are without foundation," he said.

"Is there a danger? Must the country make sacrifices? Undoubtedly.

"But in the face of danger, which is certainly not as grave as armed intervention, the people have responded, offering not only their economic contribution but their lives if necessary.

"Economic sacrifices have to be made to obtain the economic independence the people demand.

TO RECOGNIZE ALL PACTS

"We shall not obtain it by force nor shall we refuse to pay for the expropriations. We place ourselves on a legal and moral plane to make our country great and respected.

"We must recognize our agreements and obligations and reply with high deeds to the propaganda daily made against Mexico in the foreign press. . . .

"Finally it is proper to declare in these solemn moments, for the knowledge of all countries, that Mexicans will honor their debts with foreigners."

CARDENAS BANS TOKIO OIL SALE IN WARNING TO FASCIST POWERS

Repeats Democratic Stand; Issues Oil Statement

By Alfred Miller
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, March 23.—"Fascist aggressors not wanted here!"

That blunt warning to the peace-breaking powers was issued here by President Lazaro Cardenas after news dispatches from Tokio revealed that Japan hoped to obtain Mexican oil following the expropriation of foreign petroleum companies.

Cardenas, in messages to Mexican diplomatic representatives abroad, declared that the new situation gives no cause "for the Mexican Government to swerve a hair's breadth from its moral position of solidarity towards the democratic countries of the world."

ISSUES STATEMENT

A statement issued by Cardenas on his expropriation decree reads:

"In order to insure that the application of the expropriation decree to the property of the oil companies may react in the most favorable way upon the other activities of the economic life of the country, the executive wishes to clarify public opinion and declares:

"1. Owing to the special conditions of this case, in which all conciliatory measures were exhausted, the executive found it imperative to decree expropriation, a measure wholly exceptional in nature and which for this reason will not be extended to other activities in the country upon which the Government looks with sympathy and considers necessary to the national development.

"2. As a consequence, the measures which the Government will take gradually in application of the expropriation decree to oil property will be those immediately related to exploitation, administration and sale of oil products.

"In view of this, no other steps will be taken which might affect the confidence of the country in business, property, deposits, securities and other investments which the Government is disposed to protect in accordance with the corresponding laws.

"3. These declarations are made by the executive in order to dispel the fear which might groundlessly result from rumors circulated by interested parties and which are replete with misrepresentations of the measure the Government has been forced to take in the case of the oil industry.

"4. Abandonment of the exchange rate as decreed by the Bank of Mexico is temporary and does not signify that this institution is giving up its position as regulator of the currency.

TO PROTECT RESERVE

"The bank measure was necessary in order to protect its reserve, which it will continue to use later for stabilization of the foreign exchange market and maintain the value of the country's currency.

"In order to restore public confidence temporarily lost, the Bank of Mexico has taken measures such as unlimited exchange of silver pesos for bank bills.

"5. The executive considers these and other measures adopted or to be adopted by the Bank of Mexico as tending to maintain the banking system of the country through the benefits which the Bank can continue to render national economy, as for this reason official departments with banking connections will take the steps necessary to strengthen credit.

"6. The Government will also resort to the necessary measures to protect and stimulate investments in securities, urban improvements and all other investments needed for the economic development of the country or of benefit socially.

"7. The Government will endeavor to continue public works for which appropriations will be made within the limits announced. The executive hopes that these declarations contribute to bring public feeling back to normal, to the development of a closer understanding of the problems now under solution.

"He further hopes that the nation will give the Government full support that the country may continue its regular course without difficulties, since all measures the executive has taken or may take in the future are inspired by the desire for the well-being of the Mexican people.

"Signed: **Lazaro Cardenas, President of the Republic.**"

Japanese Thrust at Pukow Pushed Back

Invaders Withdraw from Linching Along Railway to Tientsin After Holding It for 24 Hours; Guerrillas Active

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

HANKOW, March 23.—The Japanese thrust along the Tientsin-Pukow railway southwards to the key railway junction at Hsuchow has been hammered back towards Tenghsien station, military dispatches said today.

Strong Chinese forces are attacking Tenghsien. Lincheng station, 22 miles further south along the Tientsin-Pukow R. R., is being fiercely contested. Japanese troops withdrew from the city after holding it for 24 hours.

Tanks and armored cars rumbled into action along a broken front some 150 miles long crossing back and forth over the Grand Canal between Kiasing, 26 miles southwest of Yenchow-fu, to Yihsien, 48 miles northeast of Hsuchow. Kiasing is also under Chinese attack. Aviation units of both sides were active strafing and bombing.

THWART FLANKING MOVE

The Japanese have been battling for more than two months now to take Huschow, where the Tientsin-Pukow railway, one of the two great North-South railways in North China crosses the Lunghai, great East-West lateral railroad linking Shensi province to the sea.

Japanese efforts to trap the Chinese defenders of Hsuchow by a wide flanking movement through eastern Shantung through Ichow-fu were thwarted by the jabbing blows of Chinese guerrilla forces which control large parts of this region.

Ishui, 50 miles straight North from Ichow-fu, has been taken by Chinese partisans. It is situated miles behind the nominal Japanese front line positions.

Both banks of the Yi River below Ichow-fu have been cleared of Japanese troops.

A Chinese column is pressing forward on the extreme right flank of their lines in the seaboard regions of Shantung province just above Kiangsu province.

FORCED ON DEFENSIVE

The town of Peikwochen, 50 miles east of Ichow-fu and 120 miles northeast of Hsuchow, on the border line between Shantung and Kiangsu, has fallen to this force, which is preparing to attack Japanese and Manchurian units holding the city of Jichahsien, 90 miles northeast of Peikwochen.

The Japanese divisions which pushed northwest along the Tientsin-Pukow railway from the Yangtze River after the fall of Nanking in a simultaneous thrust at Hsuchow are being forced back to defense positions south of the Hwai River around Pengpu, about 85 miles below Hsuchow. The north bank of the Hwai is now clear of Japanese troops.

While Chinese continue to attack towards Pengpu, a battle has begun for control of the vital left flank positions held by the Japanese at Tinguyuan-An, 28 miles due south of Pengpu.

FIGHT ON BORDER

The Chinese attack began from Hwaiyan-An, west of Pengpu along the Hwai River.

In Shansi province, where the guerrilla warfare of the Communist-led Eighth National Revolutionary Army has tricked their offensive into a strategic blind-alley, Japanese troops continue to retreat northwards from the Yellow River.

A small detachment of Japanese is hanging on at the elbow in the Yellow River at the southwestern tip of Shansi, where it curves due North along the west frontier of Shansi, marking the borderline with Shensi.

This detachment has its base across the river at Tungkwan station of the Lunghai railroad, 230 miles west of Kaifeng, Honan province capital.

The towns of Wensiang and Lingpao, further east along the Yellow River in Northern Honan, have been retaken by the Chinese, it was confirmed here.

Meanwhile Chinese activity east of the Peiping-Hankow railway in Northern Honan above Chengchow on the Yellow River has been growing. The towns of Taokow and Neihwang have been taken by Chinese troops.

Southwest of Shanghai, the Chinese are attacking from the northeast towards Hangchow, 100 miles below Shanghai along the coast.

Partisans have attacked Japanese soldiers.

Japanese reinforcements are pouring into Hangchow by train from Shanghai and a Japanese offensive to recapture towns northwest of the city is believed getting under way.

Siaofeng, 40 miles northwest of Hangchow, is being fiercely defended by Chinese forces, and reinforcements are being sped to their aid.

Anchi, 10 miles to the North of Siaofeng, is also the scene of a big battle.

Heavy fighting is under way near Wuhu, on the Yangtze River above Nanking. Following the repulse of a Japanese offensive on Suancheng, near Wuhu, the Chinese now have complete control of the entire region from Suancheng to Kwangteh, 50 miles northwest of Hangchow.

Order of Lenin, Bonuses Given Arctic Heroes

Chiefs Get Highest USSR Award; Crew Get 10,000 Extra Roubles

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 23.—The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. today awarded honorary orders and money bonuses to the members of the Soviet drifting North Pole station and the members of the rescue expeditions of the icebreakers Taimyr, Murman, Murmanetz and Yermak.

The Soviet government's order regarding the awards declares in part:

"For displaying heroism in fulfillment of the government's tasks, it has been decided to confer the title of Hero of the Soviet Union upon and decorate with the Order of Lenin Comrades Krenkel, Shirshov and Fedorov; to decorate Hero of the Soviet Union Papanin, chief of the drifting North Pole station, with a second Order of Lenin; to give Papanin, Krenkel, Shirshov and Fedorov a pecuniary reward of 30,000 rubles ($6,000) each."

For excellent fulfillment of the government's task of removing the members of the North Pole drifting stations, the crews and members of the expeditions of the ships Taimyr, Murman, Murmanetz and Yermak were also awarded.

The Order of Lenin was received by Captain Barsukov of the icebreaker Taimyr, Captain Kotstov of the icebreaker Murman, Captain Ulyanov of the hydrographic ship Murmanetz, by Ostaltsev, chief of the Taimyr expedition, by Pilot Vlasov.

In addition, they each received 10,000 rubles ($2,000).

Captain Voronin of the icebreaker Yermak, who had previously received the Orders of Lenin, of the Red Star and the Red Banner of Labor, was now decorated with the Badge of Honor.

FUR WORKERS HERE BACK MEXICAN GOV'T

The International Fur Workers Union, CIO, through President Ben Gold, yesterday wired President Lazaro Cardenas of Mexico and Vincente Lombardo Toledano of the Mexican Confederation of Labor pledging support of the oil workers' fight "against Wall Street and British oil trusts' conspiracy."

The union also announced that they are urging Secretary of State Cordell Hull to prevent American oil companies from precipitating intervention in Mexico.

Jewish Culture Exhibit Is Opened in U.S.S.R.

Life of People in Soviet Union Is Contrasted with Oppressive Conditions in Lands Where Fascists Hold Power

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 23.—A permanent exhibit, "Jews in the USSR," was opened today by the Jewish section of the Ethnographic Museum of the USSR.

Various displays reflect the pogrom-ridden life of the Jews under Tzarism, the revolutionary movement of Jewish laboring people, the life of Jews in fascist countries today, as well as the free and productive life of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

The flourishing of Jewish art in the USSR will be shown in many exhibits.

Hospital Ready to Remove 2 Swastikas

New York Institution's Board of Directors Doesn't Want to Offend Anti-Nazis—Will Take Symbols from Stack

The New York Hospital doesn't want to offend anti-Nazis, so its board of directors prepared yesterday to spend $1,000 to remove two swastikas built into the brick smokestack of its power house years before Hitler made the swastika the symbol of Nazi Germany.

The swastikas, one facing East and the other West, are near the top of the 335-foot chimney, and are rarely noticed by the casual passerby. However, the hospital has received complaints from anti-Nazis and the board of directors decided to act.

It was explained that the symbols had been built into the chimney as architectural devices to break the monotony of the expanse of brick, with no thought of specific meaning.

New Anti-Trust Chief Takes Oath



Thurman W. Arnold, Yale law school professor, is sworn in as assistant attorney general by Ugo Carusi, executive assistant to Attorney General Cummings, in Washington. At left is Dr. Arnold's predecessor, Robert H. Jackson, now Solicitor General of the U. S.

FDR Tells Congress He Fired TVA Head For Obstructing Work

Right to Remove Morgan Substantiated by Opinion of Attorney-General—Charges Not Answered by Ousted Chief

WASHINGTON, March 23.—President Roosevelt today told Congress he had discharged chief TVA Director Arthur E. Morgan for obstructing the work of the agency and substantiated his right to remove him with an opinion from Acting Attorney General Robert H. Jackson. The order is effective tomorrow.

The President gave the following reasons for Morgan's discharge:

1. That he made grave and libelous charges of dishonesty and want of integrity against his fellow directors, and when called upon to substantiate the charges repeatedly refused to do so.

2. On the face of recorded charges of the other two directors, David Lilenthal and Harcourt Morgan, Arthur Morgan obstructed the work of TVA. The charges against Morgan were substantiated with proof, were not refuted by the ousted chairman and must be accepted as true.

CONGRESS GETS REPORT

The President transmitted to Congress a full report on his action and said that he had no objection to Congress making its own investigation. Congress is expected to do this shortly. Morgan is expected to challenge the President's ouster order in the courts.

"It is clearly the right of Congress to undertake at any time any fair inquiry into the administration of the Tennessee Valley Authority or its policies which the Congress may deem in the public interest," said Mr. Roosevelt.

"But I cannot, in the meanwhile abdicate my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

Citing his reasons for removal of Morgan—his charges against fellow TVA directors, refusal to present substantiating evidence and refusal to answer counter-charges of the other TVA directors—Mr. Roosevelt said:

"Arthur E. Morgan has repeated the assertion that he will answer questions only to a committee of the Congress. Obviously, there can be no objection to hearings before such a committee.

"But the Congress will, I am sure, realize that if any member of the executive branch of the government, of high degree or low degree, is given the right by precedent to refuse to substantiate general charges against other members of the executive branch of government and to insist on disclosing specifications only to a committee of the Congress, efficient administrative management of government would be destroyed in short order."

Penn. High Court Upholds Phila. City Sales Tax

PITTSBURGH, March 23 (UP).—The State Supreme Court today handed down a brief order holding the Philadelphia city sales tax ordinance constitutional.

"We find no foundation for the objections to the enforcement of the city's sales tax ordinance," Chief Justice John Kephart wrote.

The order dismissed appeals brought before the court by eight Philadelphia business houses and Mayor S. Davis Wilson and his wife as taxpayers.

Justice Kephart's order also dismissed the contentions of the Philadelphia Restaurant Managers Association and the Club Managers Association which filed briefs in the case as "friends of the court."

The order stated that an opinion "will be filed in due course by Mr. Justice Drew stating the reasons for this conclusion." The law had been upheld by Philadelphia Common Pleas Court.

Decline in Jobs in Jan., Feb. Says Perkins

WASHINGTON, March 23 (UP).—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reported today that factory employment payrolls increased in February for the first time in four months.

The Secretary estimated, however, that generally there had been a decline of employment of approximately 100,000 workers in non-agricultural jobs between January and February.

FOSTER WARNS RAIL WORKERS AGAINST WAGE CUTS AND CONSOLIDATION LAYOFFS

Replies to Cashen of Switchmen's Union on Slanderous Charges

Answering a slanderous red-baiting article against him by President S. C. Cashen of the Switchmen's Union of North America, which appeared in a number of railroad union journals, William Z. Foster, Chairman of the Communist Party, declared it to be part of a campaign against union progressives to ease the way for wage cuts and consolidation layoffs on the railroads.

Cashen's articles, a blast against Foster's recent pamphlet "Railroad Workers Forward" "is a collection of misrepresentations, slander and downright lies," the Communist leader said, and "indulges in a general smear of denunciation" hoping thereby that the real issues raised in the pamphlet would be beclouded and lost sight of by the railroad workers.

Foster said that a prepared pamphlet, "A Reply to President Cashen of the Switchman's Union," which answers Cashen point-by-point will soon be off the press.

His statement on Cashen's article, follows:

"What is the meaning of this Cashen's article—which is a collection of misrepresentations, slanders and downright lies? Experience teaches us the answer. When reactionaries, want to defeat a progressive movement and to put over reactionary projects of their own, they always come out with a red-baiting campaign. By this means they seek to confuse the workers and to break down their opposition. This is a little trick they learned from Hitler and Mussolini, who, under cover of an attack upon the reds, have destroyed everything progressive in Italy, Germany and Austria.

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"On many occasions we have seen American reactionaries use this fascist method. Thus in the 1936 presidential elections they denounced President Roosevelt as a "Communist"; in the 1937 New York elections they condemned La Guardia as a "red", and all the reactionary forces in the country (including Cashen) are at present fighting John L. Lewis, head of the CIO, which organized 3,000,000 workers, as a Bolshevik. Now the same red-baiting tactics, of which Cashen's articles against my pamphlet is the outstanding example, are being used in the railroad industry.

"The reasons for this are obvious. To begin with the railroad rank and file of the unions, disgusted with the bad conditions on the railroads that have resulted from reactionary union leadership, are beginning to demand a new deal in their organizations. They are insisting that the railroad unions and their policies be modernized and made effective. The companies and their close labor leader collaborators, the Cashens, Jewells, Whartons, Harrisons, etc. are much alarmed at all this. So they turn to the favorite trick of the reactionary, red-baiting, in an effort to confuse and break up the growing progressive spirit among the railroad workers.

"There is also a more immediate and sinister reason for this fresh outburst of red-baiting on the railroads. This is the demand of the companies for a general wage cut. Already their spokesmen are shouting in the press that the railroad workers' wages must come down. Did we not see in 1932 how the railroad union leadership, without any struggle accepted a general wage-cut that finally cost the workers $450,000,000 and then those leaders boasted that it was the greatest victory in the history of the American Labor movement? Red-baiting is preparation for wage cuts and consolidation layoffs.

"But red-baiters are not having things as easy as they once did. Thus in the above-cited cases of Roosevelt, LaGuardia and Lewis the workers saw through the wiles of the redbaiters and defeated them. And so with the railroads; the red-baiting of Cashen will be a dud.

"President Cashen, like reactionaries generally, of course does not discuss the issues raised in my pamphlet, 'Railroad Workers Forward.' He does not dare to consider them on their merits. Instead he indulges in a general smear of denunciation, hoping thereby that the real issues will be beclouded and thus lost sight of by the workers.

"President Cashen says that I propose to destroy the Railway Labor Act. This is a deliberate lie. What I urged in my pamphlet was that 'This law should be changed to strike out all its semi-compulsory arbitration features.' That is, that the right to strike should be restored to the railroad unions. When the railroad unions now take a strike vote nobody considers it seriously; not the government, not the companies, not the workers, and least of all the union officials. Everybody knows that the dispute, if it is a serious one, will be finally shunted off for settlement to some more or less hostile committee.

"Cashen further wrongfully declares that I propose to destroy the Railway Labor Executive Association and that any man who can accomplish that 'can name his own price for the deed and it will be paid without a murmur by the "hardboiled" railroad companies.

This is libelous slander and deliberate misrepresentation. What I proposed was the 21 standard railroad labor organizations should be linked together into a powerful all - embracing railroad union federation. The R.I.L.A., does not correct the division in the railroaders' ranks. It is only a loose grouping of quarrelling, jealous top officials, not a solid, well-knit organization. The overwhelming mass of the railroad workers would agree with me if they could vote upon the matter. Yes, even the majority in Cashen's own union. That is why Cashen does not dare to meet the issue fairly and squarely.

"A real tragedy to railroad workers is the criminal indifference with which the conservative union leaders of the caliber of President Cashen have mishandled the question of unemployment. Although leading powerful unions, they stood around for years doing nothing while the railroad companies drove over 1,000,000 workers out of the industry and into the ranks of the poverty stricken unemployed.

"Then after 1,000,000 have been displaced from the industry, these officials came forward with the so-called dismissal wage agreement. Far from being a protection to the workers, this agreement, by paddling away for a pittance the workers' right to work, is a direct encouragement to the companies to make still further layoffs through consolidation.

"The progressive railroad workers want a stop put to the policy of driving workers out of the railroad industry and into destitution. The workers are bitterly opposed to any consolidations or coordinations that will further reduce the number of railroad jobs, whether these reductions in forces are sugar-coated with "dismissal wages" or not. They further demand that the dismissed workers be put back to work again. And a long step in this direction would be the establishment of the six-hour day on the railroads. Cashen and other reactionary leaders, always careful not to offend the railroad corporations, have been sabotaging for years this basic railroad demand, while doing it lip service.

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"An issue that Cashen is very careful to misrepresent in his article is that of amalgamation. Now, every posted railroad worker realizes that there is an urgent and immediate need for consolidating such closely related crafts as the engineers and the firemen into one union, and also the Conductors, Trainmen and Switchmen into another. Their constant quarrelings and conflicts are a source



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of weakness to railroad workers generally and their amalgamation would be a big step forward.

"Time and again in the past 30 years the membership of these unions have voted for amalgamation. But their officials kept them apart. Especially has Mr. Cashen been a reactionary influence in this respect.

"Another issue I delt with is the shameful practice on the railroads of barring Negroes from trade union membership. This means that they are not given the protection of the unions. They work for the lowest wages and at the worst jobs; their seniority rights are ignored; they are denied the right of promotion; they are the first fired and the last hired when jobs are scare.

"Mr. Cashen does not mention this disgraceful practice. This is because his union bears the disgrace of having a Jim Crow "male, white person" clause in its constitution barring Negroes from membership.

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"A proposal in my pamphlet, is government ownership of the railroads. This is becoming an increasingly burning issue. I outlined the basic conditions upon which such government ownership can be brought about on terms most advantageous to the workers.

"Now I daresay, the overwhelming majority of the railroad workers will agree with these proposals. But not Mr. Cashen. He is too solicitous of the companies' interests for that. Cashen when pressed will say he supports government ownership but as in the case of the six-hour-day he only makes a sham battle for it.

"An issue in my pamphlet is that of the re-establishment of trade union democracy in the railroad labor organizations. Every railroad worker knows that democracy in the railroad unions is now almost non-existent. With few exceptions, the ruling officialdom, using every bureaucratic trick, are self-perpetrating. They go on in office endlessly. It takes almost a rank and file earthquake to dethrone any of them.

"One of the principal reasons why Mr. Cashen makes such a bitter attack upon my pamphlet, 'Railroad Workers Forward,' is because it exposes the disruptive policies of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. and supports the Lewis plan of trade union unity. It stands for a great united labor movement to include the A. F. of L., C. I. O. and Railroad Brotherhoods. And this is something, I am sure, the great mass of railroad workers want, even if Cashen does not.

"I also urged upon the workers a program of united political action. Mr. Cashen does not like this nor do his railway owner friends. For years they have been peddling the votes of the workers back and forth between the two big capitalist parties to their own profit and to the workers' undoing, and they wish to continue this practice.

"Seventeen years ago the railroad workers took a lead politically along these general lines by building up the Conference for Progressive Political Action. This promising movement was broken up by reactionaries of the type of Cashen. But the time is ripe for its rebirth on a new and higher plane, a broad democratic front of all toiling masses. The vitally important 1938 elections will witness important developments in this respect, and all the red-baiting of Mr. Cashen and his fellow reactionaries will prevent it."

18th A.D. on Job— Daily Drive Gains

The 18th A. D., Brooklyn, is living up to its reputation as one of the liveliest Communist Party sections in New York in Daily and Sunday Worker circulation.

As an example of its efforts to promote the Daily and Sunday Worker, the A. D. points to the results achieved by its branches and units in the circulation campaign.

Two branches—Branch 10 and 2—are already ordering more papers than their quotas call for. Branch 7, Unit 3-S and Unit 4-S, are now only a few papers short of their weekly goal.

However, Branch 10, which is leading the section, is still lagging in one of the main features of the drive. The latest issue of the section's snappy information bulletin emphasizes the fact that only about half the branch membership is actively engaged in promotion work.

Promotion Work Chief Task

It should be remembered that the principal orientation of the present drive is toward promotion rather than mere distribution activity on the part of the units and branches. This means that every Party member can be employed one way or another in making the public conscious of the Daily and Sunday Worker. It is up to the branches and units to devise methods of utilizing the services of all their members in promoting the paper.

Jamestown, N. Y. Is Confident

From Jamestown, in up-state New York, comes an enthusiastic report of a promotion campaign for subscriptions and news-stand sales.

Just listen to the glowing pledge from G. L. Anderburg, secretary of the Communist Party of that city.

"We have worked out a plan for the presnt Daily and Sunday Worker campaign which will no doubt be carried out 100 per cent," writes Anderburg.

Referring to stand sales, he declares: "We intend to put the Daily and Sunday Worker in at least two News Rooms, in addition to Gunnill and Carlson's News Room, now carrying the paper.

Store Employment, Wages Drop Sharply

ALBANY, March 23 (UP).—Wholesale and retail store employment and payrolls declined from January to February, the Labor Department announced today.

Retail stores laid off about 5,000 employes, about 2.4 per cent, and cut weekly payrolls nearly $135,000, or 2.3 per cent. Both decreases were slightly more than during the corresponding period in 1937.

Wholesale store employment dropped 0.3 per cent as compared with 0.1 per cent a year ago. Wholesale establishment payrolls dropped 0.8 per cent compared with a slight increase last year. Women's apparel stores led other groups in declines.



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DR. B. SHIPERSON, 353 E. 14th St., cor. First Ave. Hours 9-8, Sun. 10-2.

DR. RELKIN, 1108 2nd Ave., bet. 58th & 59th, middle of block. Open Daily till 8 P.M.

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Reaffirm Decision to Strike March 31 Against Lockout

The greatest outdoor demonstration in the history of the Furriers Joint Council was staged at noon yesterday by 10,000 furriers who massed at 29th St. and Seventh Ave. to reaffirm their decision to go out on a general strike March 31 if employers refuse to accede to union demands to end the present lockout.

Ben Gold, president of the International Fur Workers Union and chairman of the general strike committee, informed the workers that the union would "continue to make every effort to reach an honorable settlement before the deadline of March 31."

The representatives of the union will confer with officials of the Associated Fur Coat and Trimming Manufacturers, Inc. this morning at the State Mediation Board.

Irving Potash, manager of the Joint Council, chairman of the meeting, announced that the regional office of the CIO, through Allan Haywood, director, had pledged full support to the furriers in their fight for equal division of work and job security.

The demonstration yesterday was the first of a series planned to mobilize the workers for the general strike. Today at noon, women fur workers and wives of fur workers will demonstrate to show their support of the union's aims.

Burden of Sales Tax on Rich Is Alliance Aim

Alliance to March on City Hall Saturday to Protest Cut

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relief deficit are a result of the State's refusal to meet its responsibility to the unemployed," Wiseman said.

"We are opposed to some of the proposed taxes because they place the main burden on the poor. Which makes the poor pay for the poor.

"As against the mayor's proposal to tax an additional one per cent on utility bills of $1.50 or more, the exemption can be up to $5.00 and graduated upwards to raise $3,000,000.

"Instead of the penny-a-pack cigarette tax for another $3,000,000 we ought to consider a graduated increase in the tax rate on general and financial businesses, maintaining the present exemption of businesses doing $15,000 a year or less.

"At any rate all these tax proposals should be considered as temporary until further efforts are made to change the attitude of the state."

SIT-IN CONTINUES

The long-smoldering issue of labor relations in the Welfare Department flared again yesterday as a Workers Alliance sit-down at the 285 Powell St. relief office in Brooklyn, was in its second day and disputes developed at other bureaus.

More than 60 stayed in the Powell St. office waiting room for two days while demonstrations of neighbors outside grew to as many as 1,000 yesterday. The protest was called to force action upon five cases that had been pending for more than two weeks.

Early last night Townsend Hand, labor relations director of the Welfare Department informed the Alliance that two of the five cases would be reopened immediately while the remaining three would be investigated within 24 hours.

The answer was taken before the families within the Powell St. station who immediately voted to vacate the premises.

TO HOLD MEETING TODAY

At the same time, Jerome Benton, chairman of the unemployed division of the Workers Alliance said that Hand had scheduled a meeting with him today at which the general issue of relations between the unemployed and the administration were to be discussed.

A large protest meeting was held yesterday outside of the bureau at 74 West 124th St. as a result of the dispute that developed there.

The Lower East Side Federation, consisting of affiliated organizations and settlement houses called a mass meeting tonight at the Grand St. Play House, 466 Grand St., to protest the 10 per cent cut. Harlem held its meeting at 306 Lenox Ave. last night. Another meeting was called for tonight at 1460 Madison Ave.

Talk on Jewish Parley

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

PITTSBURGH, March 23.—A report on the Jewish Unity Convention Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism will be given Sunday by Arthur Rack, chairman of the Pittsburgh delegation. Mr. Rack will speak at the Irene Kaufmann Settlement at 2 P.M.

A Sure Sign of Spring



John E. Wyman (right) and a helper start collecting the sap from some of the 1,000 maple trees on his farm near West Keene, N. H., which has been in the possession of the Wyman family for five generations. The pails are covered to prevent rain water and flying particles from dropping into the containers.

Chamberlain Ready To Abandon Czechs

British Tory Premier Reported to Have His Cabinet's Support in Moves for Deals with Nazis and Mussolini

LONDON, March 23.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was reported today to have obtained support of the Cabinet for his expected declaration in the House of Commons tomorrow that Britain will cast Czechoslovakia adrift in case of a Nazi aggression against the Central European democracy.

The Cabinet was in session for two hours. Afterwards the French Ambassador, Charles Andre Corbin, visited the Foreign Office where it was understood he discussed the statement.

High Commissioners for British Dominions also discussed it with the Dominions Secretary.

SPEED ARMS PROGRAM

The statement will reportedly include first of all a statement that the Cabinet will not make any commitments to defend the independence of Czechoslovakia or any other Central European nation.

This will be coupled with an announcement regarding progress of an Anglo-Italian deal and plans for intensification of Britain's huge rearmament program.

A diplomatic source stated tonight that Italian fascist Premier Mussolini has presented his conditions for a pact to Chamberlain.

Mussolini is said to have voiced willingness to "withdraw Italian troops from Spain" after Francos' victory is assured, if Britain will immediately recognize the Italian occupation of Ethiopia without regard for the League of Nations Covenant.

NEED BRITISH CREDITS

Italy is sorely in need of British credits, and only public sentiment has prevented the "City"—London's Wall Street—from granting funds to aid Italy's hard-pressed finances.

At No. 10 Downing St., Chamberlain and Defense Coordinator Sir Thomas Inskip called in the Central Council of the Trades Union Congress.

They demanded that the labor union heads prevent strikes and other labor action when speed-up is instituted in war industry plants.

Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said the group would "consider" Chamberlain's statement carefully.

Stachel to Talk In Pittsburgh Friday Night

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

PITTSBURGH, March 23. — A "Stop Hitler" mass meeting will be held here Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Fifth Avenue High School. Jack Stachel, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, will speak on "Fascism and World Peace."

A leaflet issued by the Communist Party of Pittsburgh calls on the people to "Act Now." It asks that all "peace loving" organizations send telegrams to Washington demanding the passage of the O'Connell Peace Bill H.R. 527, lifting the embargo on Democratic Spain" and calls on all unions and other groups to pass resolutions calling for "joint actions of the democratic peoples of the world against the aggressor nations."

Patrick Toohey, Communist candidate for U. S. Senate from Pennsylvania, will begin his election campaign at the meeting.

FDR at Warm Springs

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., March 23 (UP).—President Roosevelt arrived here aboard his special train late today. He exchanged greetings with neighbors and patients of the Warm Springs Foundation and then was motored to the "Little White House," atop Pine Mountain where he will stay 10 days.

German Army At Border of Yugoslavia

VIENNA, March 23 (UP).—German troops reached the Yugoslavia border tonight as a Nazi clean-up of Austrian anti-Nazis brought in 3,000 political prisoners.

Scores of noblemen and high military officers were in jail.

The latest of these to be arrested, Archduke Josef Ferdinand of Hapsburg, head of the Hapsburg-Tuscany line, is the highest ranking aristocrat arrested since the Nazi occupation. He was arrested for allegedly insulting the Nazi regime.

Lotte Dabanalt, daughter of Bruno Walter, former director of the Vienna State Opera was arrested. Walter is in Holland.

Vienna's crack regiment, Hoch und Deutschmeister, returned from a visit to Munich today and astonished the Viennese by appearing in new German uniforms. It was the first Austrian unit to change uniforms.

Chancellor Adolf Hitler ordered the Austrian Danubian River flotilla (Austria's only navy) merged with the German navy. The flotilla comprises one patrol boat of 60 tons and several motor launches.

Suspend Guard In Scottsboro Boy Stabbing

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mand to Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama for punishment of a Kilby Prison guard who yesterday slashed Charlie Weems, one of the Scottsboro boys confined there, and, for protection of the lives of the five defendants in the case who are still imprisoned.

"The slashing of Charlie Weems, who was seriously injured by deep knife cuts across the face and chest, by a prison guard, is further indication that the authorities of the State of Alabama have determined to 'end the Scottsboro case' in their own way by ridding themselves of their prisoners," Marcantonio said.

"In January, for example, they removed Ozzie Powell, another defendant, from Kilby Prison to the chain-gang at Atmore—notorious throughout Alabama for its brutal treatment of prisoners. Powell, wounded in the head two years ago by a sheriff's bullet, is paralyzed on one side as a result, and is generally in a very bad condition. Yet he is forced to work on the chain-gang.

"It is only the constant protest, the constant keeping alive of the Scottsboro issue, by the Scottsboro Defense Committee, of which the I. L. D. is a member, that has kept the boys alive so far. Only a continuation of that protest will save their lives and set these five innocent boys free.

"How the Warden of Kilby Prison will now defend on any ground whatsoever the knifing of a prisoner by a guard, is inconceivable."

NEGRO LEADER HAILS FDR ANTI-LYNCH STAND

John P. Davis Says Negro Congress to Spur Fight for Wagner Bill

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Alabama back to Birmingham and freedom for the other five Scottsboro boys.

This will be followed, Davis said, with a nation-wide call to have every church, Negro and white, Catholic and Protestant hold special services on the anti-lynching bill, Sunday, April 3.

The culmination of the three-point Negro Congress drive will come on April 9 with mass meetings and parades urging passage of the bill in cities throughout the country.

Speaking in short, clipped sentences, Davis emphasized the urgent need for immediate action.

MUST ACT NOW

"Congress may soon adjourn," he said. "We must act now. We still have the power to force passage of the bill in this session of Congress. But the people in every community must be roused to effective, determined action now."

To implement the campaign mapped by the conference, Davis said that a proposal was adopted for the setting up of a national anti-lynching committee to coordinate efforts now being made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Negro Congress and other groups. Similar committees will also be set up on a local scale.

Turning to an analysis of the President's proposals for a bill authorizing an investigation of lynching either by the Attorney-General or by Congress, Davis said.

ENDORSE FDR PROPOSALS

"The National Negro Congress naturally endorses the President's proposals as a step in the right direction, but at the same time it feels that major emphasis must be placed on passage of the Wagner-Van Nuys bill in this session of Congress."

He declared that the "bill proposed by the President will encounter the same difficulties before enactment already experienced by the Wagner-Van Nuys bill.

"Moreover, since the Wagner-Van Nuys bill is already enacted by the House and endorsed by a majority of Senate members, it would seem reasonable to suppose that it has the better chance of passage."

Davis saw in the President's statement at his press conference an inference that he was anxious to see the anti-lynching bill passed.

"I wish to view the President's proposal realistically," he said. "He has proposed passage at this session of Congress of a bill empowering an investigating body to inquire and make public facts relative to lynching, if hope of passing the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill becomes impossible.

"Inferentially his statement indicates that he is for the Wagner-Van Nuys bill; and for its passage in this session of Congress. For this inference every progressive American will be grateful, however much it might have wishes that the President had spoken directly and sooner about so important a struggle to maintain democratic American institutions."

Boston Will Honor Raven at Banquet

BOSTON, March 23. — Robert Raven, blinded and lame fighting against the murderous warfare of Hitler and Mussolini is to be honored at a banquet at the Hotel Brunswick on Saturday evening, April 9 at 7:30 which is being arranged by the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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Dad Rescues Wife, Boy



Photo shows family of Charles Grady. Son Arthur, left, fell into Hudson River. Mother, at right, dove after him, but could not swim. Dad, in center, dived into the water to rescue both. Mother kept lad afloat until her husband saved both of them.

Ask Lehman Veto Fascist McNaboe Bill

Woodworkers Term Bill Attempt to Terrorize Men in Public Life

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to bar all progressives from civil service.

The New York City League of Women Voters, at its monthly meeting of the Board of Management, wrote Governor Lehman:

WOMEN URGE VETO

"We hope you will veto the bill introduced by Mr. McNaboe to bar from the classified civil service or the teaching system persons who believe in the overthrow of government by force.

"The bill was introduced and pushed through during the closing session in such a manner that there was no opportunity for registering our opposition. We are confident that had there been time for full debate the vote would have been different.

"We believe this measure to be an ill-considered attack upon the rights of citizens and is subversive to our form of government. In vetoing this bill, we feel certain that you will be acting according to the dictates of a large majority of citizens of the state."

The letter was signed by Anna Lord Strauss, president, and Mrs. Charles Riegelman, chairman of the department of government and education.

From Local 105, International Woodworkers of America, CIO, the Governor was sent a letter yesterday which said:

ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

"We regard this bill as most undemocratic and as a deliberate attempt to terrorize those individuals in public life who hold liberal views and as an attack on American democracy.

"We are well acquainted with the manner in which labels were used by the reactionary forces in the city, state and nation in the recent elections in an attempt to defeat the expressed will of the people. These reactionaries failed.

"The McNaboe Bill constitutes another indication of these same forces to raise their heads. You can greatly help to put them in their places by defeating the vicious McNaboe Bill." Louis Basis, business manager of the local, signed the letter.

The membership of the Bricklayers' Union, Local 37, A. F. of L., at its regular meeting Tuesday night, unanimously voted to urge the Governor to defeat the measure.

Among the many other organizations and individuals which urged the veto of the bill were M. J. Obermeier, secretary-treasurer, Local 6, Hotel and Club Employes' Union, A. F. of L., and Harry Gevertzman, manager, Pocketbook Workers' Union of New York, A. F. of L.

Browder to Speak On Penn. Elections In Broadcast Series

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

PITTSBURGH, March 22. — Radio time for the duration of Pennsylvania's critical election campaign has been obtained by the Communist Party, it was announced today.

The Party will be on the air every Tuesday evening at 6:30 P. M. beginning April 12 on Station WWSW, Pittsburgh. Weekly commentaries on the developments of the political situation in Pennsylvania and the international situation will be discussed on the airwaves.

First speaker on the programs will be Earl Browder, secretary of the Communist Party.

Pope Assails Bombings of Barcelona

Vatican Envoy Is Told to Protest to Franco

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whether Loyalists or fascists and had aided in saving many Basque children of northern Spain, bringing about exchanges of hostages and freeing prisoners.

The Vatican organ made unfounded allegations of religious persecution by the Loyalists, then, turning to the air bombings, said:

"In view of the repeated aerial bombings of cities in Spain many, particularly the press, have asked what the attitude of the Holy See is regarding the grave facts which have so moved public opinion.

"The Holy See, faithful to its mission of justice and charity, always has interceded to deplore violence and listen to appeals for help from wherever they may come and to endeavor to moderate as much as possible the most painful consequences of war.

"The Holy See in fact has intervened on every occasion when her efforts might make possible saving the life of a man or restoring a father, husband or son to dear ones.

APPEAL TO FRANCO

"Thousands of Basque children have been returned to the love of their parents by intervention of the Holy See. This is a well known instance, and the Holy See's deep interest in exchange of hostages and liberation of prisoners also is well known.

"It also is known that the appeals of the Basque families were not made in vain.

"Then, when last February 1 the first news of numerous victims of civil populations and the destruction of works of art caused by ever more frequent bombings of open cities was received the Holy See did not fail, while other powers intervened with the Republican government, to make a warm appeal to Catholics and the noble sentiments of General Franco so the Nationalists (fascists—Ed.) would desist from such bombings.

"General Franco showed himself to be deeply moved by the paternal interest of His Holiness in the fate of innocent victims of the war."

MORE VICTIMS

It was on this occason, the Vatican said, that Franco sent filial and reassuring explanations and declaration" to the Pontiff:.

"To these victims others has been added, caused this time by the recent air bombardments of Barcelona, and innocent victims, for whom the Holy See is more than ever sorry for, while faithfult to its mission, it continues to send words of moderation and piety to lessen as much as possible the horrors of war.

"It is for this that the August Pontiff, always on his own initiative but independently of the action of other powers, on the 21st of this month instructed, Monsignor Antoniutti to make with this aim a new and urgent demarche to General Franco."

Negro Released as Cop Attacker Is Suspended

Tim Smith, 19-year-old Negro, won his freedom after seven months in jail yesterday when District Attorney homas E. Dewey announced that the youth had been convicted of assault on the framed testimony of a beer-soaked policeman.

Simultaneously, Mr. Dewey said that he would seek a perjury indictment against Patrolman Theodore Steinblinsk. An examination of the case, Mr. Dewey said, indicated that it was the patrolman who attacked the youth rather than the reverse as Steinblinck had charged.

Mr. Dewey said that the policeman had persuaded two friends to give false testimony against Smith because he was afraid he would lose his job unless Smith was convicted.

Released today by Judge Morris Koenig, Smith said, "Mr. Dewey is certainly giving the Negro people a square deal."

At the original trial of Smith last September before Judge Koenig, Steinblinck that he halted Smith for questioning at 127th St., near Lenox Ave. He swore that he was forced to knock a knife and a revolver from Smith's hands before he "subdued" him.

His story was supported by Michael Ciccone, 362 12th St., and Joseph Reilly, 350 14th St., Brooklyn. Both men said they were eye witnesses to the encounter and that they had never met the policeman before.

Mr. Dewey said his investigation had established that the three were old friends and that he had signed statements from the two witnesses that they had been drinking beer with the officer before he spotted the Negro on the curb and jumped out of the car and grabbed him.

Steinblinck was suspended Tuesday by Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine. During his seven years on the force he has faced 21 complaints including drunkenness and assault upon citizens. He had been subjected to numerous fines and reprimands.

DEFIES SENATE TO MAKE HIM SUBMIT DATA

Reorganization Bill Foe Refuses to Produce Gannett Letters

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Edward A. Rumely, expert on Nazi methods and secretary of Publisher Frank Gannett's Committee to Uphold Constitutional Government, today again flouted the authority of a U. S. Senate investigating committee and refused to produce the records of his quasi-fascist group.

The organization is lobbying and conducting a letter and telegram campaign against the President's government reorganization bill.

Supported by his lawyer, Elisha Hanson, who is also attorney for the American Newspaper Publishers Association, Rumely dared Senator Sherman Minton, chairman of the investigating committee, to cite him for contempt.

ADMITS LETTER DELUGE

Minton countered by issuing a subpoena duces tecum (thou shalt bring with you) but Rumely said he would ignore it also.

"In other words you refuse to produce your records?" Minton asked.

"Absolutely," Rumely replied, and Minton called his group into session to consider contempt action.

"I am issuing this second subpoena," Minton said, "so as to leave no reasonable doubt in the mind of any one as to the documents and information which the committee desires to examine. We shall now see whether Mr. Gannett and his organization are willing to disclose the truth. We shall see if they prefer to adopt further obstructionist tactics."

He charged that "Congress had been deluged with petitions found to have originated with the organization and said that it admittedly has mailed out 16,000,000 pieces of literature and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars opposing government reorganization.

"The Senate has an obligation to disclose who the individuals are who gave this enterprise its initial financial impetus," he said. "The American people are entitled to know what, if any, methods of operation inimical to the public interest are being pursued by this propaganda machine.

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As an example of what he said his committee already had accomplished Minton cited last week's disclosure that Rumely was convicted after the World War under the trading-with-the-enemy act but was pardoned by President Coolidge after serving 30 days.

"Mr. Gannett's loose talk about legal procedure deserves little attention," Minton said. "However, it may be stated, contrary to the impression he attempts to make, that the Senate Lobby Committee has been upheld in every court proceeding wherein it has been a party litigant."

His second subpoena asked for an exchange of letters between Gannett and Rumely on June 23, 1937; between Rumely and Glen Hancock, assistant secretary, on May 14, 1937, and June 21, 1937, and for all records, financial and otherwise, "which relate to efforts to influence, encourage, promote or retard legislation."

ToryFeudalism Like Fascism —Roosevelt

Roosevelt Speaks on National Problems in Gainsville

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democracy) to national problems would amply solve our national needs."

ASSAILS TORIES

Then he blamed the selfishness of a few citizens for holding back recovery, but admitted that that "type of selfishness to which I refer" did not apply to the "overwhelming majority" of the American people. Most of them, he said, will gladly lay aside selfishness to support the public good.

"But we must admit," he added, "that there are some people who honestly believe in a wholly different theory of government than the one our constitution provides. . . .

"They are the kind of people who, in 1936, were saying 'Oh, yes, we want nobody to starve,' but at the same time insist that the balancing of the budget is more important than making appropriations for relief. . . .

"They have the same type of mind as those representatives of the people who vote against legislation to help social and economic conditions, proclaiming loudly that they are for the objectives but do not like the methods and then fail utterly to offer a better method of their own."

Mr. Roosevelt then discussed conditions in "this, my other state," and deplored low wages and low purchasing power in southern states.

"People cannot buy at stores unless they have cash or good credit," he said. "Stores cannot fill their shelves unless they have customers.

"Mills and factories cannot sell to stores who have no customers.

"I speak not only of the workers in the bottom third of our population—millions of them who cannot afford a suit of clothes. I speak also of millions of other workers who are so under-employed and so under-paid that the burden of their poverty affects the little business man and the millionaire himself."

The purchasing power of the entire lower South is too low, he said, warning that on the present scale of wages "the South cannot and will not succeed in establishing successful new industries.

"And let us remember that buying power means many other kinds of better things—better schools, better health, better hospitals, better highways. These things will not come to us in the South if we oppose progress—if we believe in our hearts that the feudal system is still the best system.

LEAN TOWARD "THE OTHER"

"When you come down to it there is little difference between the feudal system and the fascist system. If you believe in the one, you lean toward the other."

Mr. Roosevelt said that he and an overwhelming majority of persons oppose feudalism and "so do many among those who by virtue of their circumstances in life belong to the most prosperous five per cent of the population."

He expressed satisfaction that most men and women "are coming more and more to see that the continuation of the American system calls for elimination of special privilege, the dissemination of the whole of the truth, and participation in prosperity by the people at the bottom of the ladder as well as those in the middle and at the top."

"One thing is certain—we are not going back to the old days. We are going forward to better days. . . . More and more people are coming to understand that abuses of the past which have been successfully eradicated are not going to be restored. . . .

"Gainesville suffered a great disaster. So did the nation in those eight years of false prosperity followed by four years of collapse. Gainesville showed a united front for the good of its whole population, rich and poor alike. It rose to rebuild on sounder lines.

"The United States is rising and is rebuilding on sounder lines. We propose to go forward and not back."

Green Protests Bombings of Barcelona

AFL President Assails 'Inhuman Methods' of Warfare

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23. —President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today expressed his protest against the fascist bombing of Barcelona.

He said that he spoke for the membership of the Federation in urging the abandonment of "such inhuman, uncivilized and hateful methods of warfare."

"American labor is horrified by the indefensible slaughter of innocent women and children in air raids in Spain," he said. "No justification can be found for the murderous bombings of civilians in Barcelona.

"The American Federation of Labor protested with one voice at its last convention against the cruel bombing of Chinese civilians by Japanese airplanes. I am certain that I voice the unanimous feeling of the members of the Federation now in urging the leaders of the Spanish revolution to abandon such inhuman, uncivilized and hateful methods of warfare."

27 Die in Wreck

SEOUL, Korea, March 23 (UP). —A small passenger steamship went on the rocks off Chemulpo during a heavy fog today and 27 persons were drowned.

Coolie Taxi System Assailed to Council

Transport Union Attorney Outlines Program for Industry at Meeting in City Hall— Bad Conditions Are Cited

Warren G. Horie, general organizer of the taxi division of the Transport Workers Union yesterday told a sub-committee of the New York City Council that certain large taxi fleet operators, particularly the Terminal Cab Co., are responsible for a "coolie system" of employment in the industry.

Following blanket charges made by Horie, which also included police hounding of cab drivers, outright discrimination by companies against Negro cabbies, and general starvation wages throughout the industry, Attorney Harry Sacher, also representing the union, gave the Councilmen a concrete program which he declared would overcome the chaos now existing.

The City Council's sub-committee of six, set up recently to probe prevailing conditions in the industry, both from the standpoint of labor and business conditions, is composed of three Democratic Councilmen: James A. Deering, the committee's chairman; Frederick Schick, and John P. Nugent; and Michael Quill, Laborite; Robert K. Straus, Fusionist; and Joseph Clark Baldwin, Republican.

LEGISLATION SOUG

The committee is expected to urge local legislation upon arriving at conclusions based on testimony given by those concerned in the industry, designed to overcome the "anarchy" now prevailing.

Attorney Sacher, in outlining the proposed remedies made by the TWU, asked the committee, in brief, to take the following steps:

1. Legislation for a drastic reduction in the number of cabs run by the different fleets and small independents by approximately 50 per cent, which would insure elimination of costly overhead on "dead" cabs and maintenance, while insuring more drivers commissions and improved working standards under a double shift.

2. Rejection of proposals by certain fleet spokesmen for general introduction of the "stagger" system of operation, which would only act to increase working hours and eliminate employes.

ASK FLEETS' BOOKS

He urged the immediate subpoena of all books of all fleets by the Council committee for a thorough investigation of the financial set-ups and general status of the fleets.

Sacher illustrated his arguments by presenting the Councilmen with statistics regarding the Sunshine-Radio and Atlas-Liberty fleets, composed of independents.

During last January, which is one of the heaviest business months in the taxi business, he said, the independent fleets mentioned, operated only 54 per cent of their cabs, while 46 per cent were idle in garages The idle cars, he contended, constituted a heavy financial burden on the companies through interest on notes—cost of storing, deterioration, and upkeep—a cost which had to be made through active cabs, and consequently out of the pockets of the employes.

ASKS FACTS, FIGURES

"What this Council committee needs," Sacher said, "is not speeches, but arithmetic — facts and figures through which socially useful legislation can be reached to overcome the conditions prevailing in the industry."

Peter H. Ruvolo, former City Alderman, and counsel for the National Transportation Company, representing the largest fleet operators, appeared briefly during the hearing and said that he would speak on behalf of the large operators at tomorrow's session of the hearing.

BOSSES BEHIND PROBE, CHARGE TEAMSTERS

Local 807 Says Federal Probe Is Ass'n's Plan to Break Contract

The Highway Association, over-the-road operators of trucks, are behind the present investigation by the Federal Grand Jury of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 807, it was charged last night.

The move to indict Local 807, largest teamsters' union in the city, handling more than $100,000,000 worth of general merchandise a year, is part of the trucking concerns' plot to break down union conditions and end the union's enforcement of a clause requiring all trucks to be driven by Local 807 men within the city limits, it was said.

The Highway Association was accused by a union spokesman of holding a meeting in the Victoria Hotel on March 27 where it was agreed to start a number of court actions, both criminal and civil, against Local 807, as a preliminary to forcing down union terms when negotiations for a new contract begins in the summer.

PLAN CIVIL SUITS

The over-the-road operators announced plans to institute five civil suits for damages for alleged contract violations; an action in the New York State Supreme Court to clarify a clause in the contract requiring loading and unloading by union men only; and to seek a "declaratory judgment" in the Federal Court explaining the contract.

The investigation by John Harlan Amen, Special Assistant to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, has been in progress since March 15.

The investigation is proceeding under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law which carries a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment and the Federal anti-racketeering law passed in 1934 which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment. The local itself may be fined up to $10,000.

UNION RAPS ACTION

A union spokesman last night pointed out that the union has condemned any individual actions of stopping out of town trucks at the city limits and placing Local 807 on the trucks. The union has always insisted that its demand that only Local 807 men drive general merchandise trucks in the city be achieved by agreements with employers.

Thomas Hickey, secretary-treasurer of Local 807, in a statement issued after the investigation became public, charged that the investigation "was started by employers who hope to handicap the union next summer in its negotiations for renewal of contracts.

"It is no doubt their hope that they will be able to procure an indictment and thus handicap the union during negotiations for further contracts.

"Their strategy will fail because it will serve only to unify the membership to a greater degree." We hope that the Attorney General and the Grand Jury will not permit themselves to be used for any such purpose."

Urge Farmers To Join Mass. Labor Parley

Invite Groups to Labor League Convention In Boston, Sunday

BOSTON, March 23.—The Provisional Committee of Labor's Non-Partisan League here has extended an invitation to all farmer groups in Massachusetts to attend a convention which will be held at the Hotel Bradford, here, Sunday, Mar. 27th at 10 P.M.

Explaining that there was a direct relationship between labor and the present milk situation, Dr. Alan R. Sweezy yesterday issued a statement in which it said:

"There is no more natural alliance in the world than between those who work in industry and those who work on the soil."

"Since the forces of labor in Massachusetts have never before been thoroughly marshalled for a political campaign," Sweezy declared, "it is the intention of the Labor's Non-Partisan League to organize a state-wide political structure as thoroughly and as quickly as possible.

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Whitney Tells Of His Thefts At Hearings

Broker's Sentence Due April 11—Further Probe Awaited

Richard Whitney, bankrupt Morgan broker who stole his customers bonds in an attempt to borrow his way out of financial difficulties, yesterday repeated the story of his thefts to a referee in bankruptcy while waiting sentence on his plea of guilt.

Whitney told Referee Irwin Kurtz that he had "wrongfully pledged" securities of a family trust fund of $100,000, but added that he had his wife's consent to use part of the money.

The broker will be sentenced April 11. A delay to that date was granted on the request of th eSecurities and Exchange Commission to permit a further examination of evidence against Whitney

OnTaxiProbeBoard



MICHAEL J. QUILL

Boom Kennedy For Gov. at Labor Parley

2 AFL Unions at Labor League Parley Back Kennedy

(Special to the Daily Worker)

McKEESPORT, Pa., March 23.—Thomas Kennedy was endorsed for Governor of Pennsylvania by the 31st Congressional District Conference of Labor's Non-Partisan League, it was announced today.

Two American Federation of Labor unions attended a rally Sunday where Kennedy was boomed. They were the Bartenders Union of McKeesport and the Flint Glass Workers, Glassport, Pa.

Other delegates who received the endorsement of the conference were: Philip Clowes, Johnstown, Pa., SWOC sub-regional director, for Congress; William Goddard, United Mine Workers, Renton, Pa., for State Legislature, 10th District; Andrew Bach, Glassport, Pa., Flint Workers, A. F. of L. for Legislature and William Garrity, Rankin, Pa., SWOC sub-regional director, legislature.

John Murray, nephew of SWOC Chairman Philip Murray, was named district campaign manager. An enlarged conference will be held this Sunday, March 27. Joseph Baron, president of the McKeesport Tin Plate Mill Lodge, SWOC, was chosen temporary LNPL chairman.

Pittsburgh School To Hold Forums On Moscow Trial

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

PITTSBURGH, March 23. — A Special Sunday Night Forum Series on the History of the Struggle Against Trotskyism is being offered by the Pittsburgh Workers School, 648 Grant St.

The series is intended to "clarify the problems and questions raised in the recent trials of Bukharin, Rakovsky, Rykov and the others," a circular distributed by the school says. Martin Young, Western Pennsylvania secretary of the Communist Party, is the instructor.

HOTEL GROUP SIGNS FIRST UNION PACT

60,000 Employes Are Covered in Contract With AFL Local

The Hotel Association of New York City, representing 180 hotels employing 60,000 workers, yesterday officially concluded its first agreement with a labor union when it signed a pact at the offices of the State Labor Relations Board with the Hotel and Club Employes Union, Local 6, A. F. of L., and three other unions cooperating in the organizational drive.

The agreement provides for the establishment of machinery for settling disputes and grievances between the union and the hotel employers. Under it, it is agreed that the labor committee of the Hotel Association will appoint a labor manager with whom a representative of the union will take up all complaints for adjustment.

Should such procedure fail to result in an agreement, the complaints will be submitted to an impartial chairman to be named shortly by the Association and Local 6.

PRIEST HAILS PACK

M. J. Obermeier, secretary-treasurer of Local 6, commenting on the granting on union recognition by the Association, said that the agreement" is a preliminary to the establishment of a general agreement including wages, hours and general working conditions which will serve as a means of standardizing the conditions of hotel workers."

The Reverend John P. Boland, chairman of the State Labor Relations Board, presided at the signing ceremonies. For the unions, the signers were: Jay Rubin, general director of the Hotel Employes Organization Committee; Miguel Garriga, international representative and president of Local 6; M. J. Obermeier; John J. McDonald, business manager, Local 94, International Union of Operating Engineers; John J. Sullivan, organizer, Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Sidney Elliott Cohn, counsel for the union.

Father Boland, John D. Moore and Paul M. Herzog, commissioners, signed for the Board. T. Elliott Tolson, president; James G. McCarthy, executive secretary; David Dreschler and Frank Boland, attorneys; signed for the Association.

Rubin, Garriga and Obermeier declared that "the recognition of the union by the Hotel Association marks a new epoch in labor relations between the organized hotel workers and the Association.

SEES BETTER CONDITIONS

"It opens the door for the union to improve wages and hours and any other matters affecting the general working conditions of the employes in hotels." They expressed confidence that the still unorganized hotel workers will join the union to hasten bringing about a collective agreement.

The three union leaders praised the "splendid cooperation" of the other unions involved.

Father Boland declared that "both sides are to be properly congratulated for their vision and industrial statesmanship in taking this step."

WITH THE UNIONS IN NEW YORK CITY

2-Day Strike at Fulton Fish Market Settled; Sign with Fish Workers Union; Win Big Gains; Racquet Club Signs with Hotel Union

A two-day strike which halted the distribution of fresh water fish from the Fulton Fish Market along Peck Slip was settled yesterday morning when employers signed a year contract with the representatives of the Wholesale Fresh Water Fish Workers Union, A.F.L.

According to the terms of the agreement, the workers gained a four-week sick leave period with pay, two weeks vacation with pay, and a "yardstick" provision which empowers the union to regulate the number of men needed by the individual firms of the market.

Although the old wage scale was maintained, provisions were made for negotiations for wage increases after the Easter holidays. The strike began when employers refused to renew provisions of the old contract, and refused union demands for a $82 weekly wage increase and the posting of a $1,000 bond to insure employer obligations of the contract.

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250 PICKET B'KLYN FIRM FOR SWOC CONTRACT

More than 250 workers staged a mass picket line before Fein Tin Can Co., 284 Furman St., Brooklyn, yesterday at noon to demand that the firm settle the three-week old strike conducted by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

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UOPW FILES CHARGES AGAINST MET. LIFE INS.

The United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, announced yesterday that charges of unfair labor practices have been filed against the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. by the union's Boston and Albany locals.

Leon W. Berney, insurance director for the union, said the intimidation and coercion of employes is most intense in New York City where the main office of the firm is located. Petitions for collective bargaining certification are now pending before the New York State and Massachusetts Labor Relations Board.

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RITZY RACQUET CLUB CHOOSES HOTEL UNION

By a vote of 88 17, employes of the fashionable Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park Ave., have chosen the Hotel and Club Employes Union, Local 6, AFL, as their collective bargaining agency in a State Labor Relations Board election.

M. J. Obermeier, secretary-treasurer of Local 6, said that the union would press for immediate collective bargaining conferences. The union has also requested the Bankers Club of America, 120 Broadway, to enter into collective bargaining negotiations.

Jersey Forest Fire Brought Under Control

HAMMONTON, N. J., March 23 (UP).—Southern New Jersey's first reported forest fire was under control today after 65 fire fighters and several fire companies had fought the blaze for six hours.

BROOKLYN GAS CO. 'STOLE' 3 MILLION IN SHADY MELLON DEAL; NOW ASK RATE RISE

Ask 19 Cent Increase for Each Gas User; Would Net $1,500,000 Profit; Consumers Fight Trust at Hearings; Bare Anti-Labor Role

By Lowell Wakefield

Six hundred and fifty thousand consumers have every right to anger over the new rate schedule demands of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company which would add 19 cents a month to each bill.

Nineteen cents doesn't sound like much money. But as Peter Cacchione, speaking for the Communist Party, told the utilities commission, 19 cents means a meal less each month for those thousands of relief families who are customers of the Brooklyn Union firm. And as the company admits, 19 cents means to itself increased annual revenue of $1,450,000.

In a series of hearings now going on before Public Service Commissioner George R. VanNamee (the next hearing is set for Friday, March 25th, at 10:30 A.M. at the Commission's chambers, 80 Centre St.), suave attorneys and high paid vice-presidents seek from the commission permission to revise all rates upward.

CONSUMERS IN ACTION

Marshalled against the firm, consumer organizations—the Utility Consumers League, its president, John A. Trinchere, and the Progressive Women's Councils most particularly, organized labor, and the corporation counsel's representative, Herman Horowitz, are proving the company needs a rate rise like J. P. Morgan needs a dime for a cup of coffee.

More, facts already revealed and evidence to be presented at Friday's hearing indicate that what the Brooklyn Union Gas Company's affairs really need is thorough-going investigation and exposure. The indictment is that:

1. The Brooklyn Union Gas Company, in a city notorious for high utility rates, already charges the small and average family consumer (650,000 of its 800,000 subscribers) more than does any other firm, yet wants to add $1,450,000 specifically to the burden of these consumers, while selling gas to large users at half what Consolidated Edison, for example, charges.

2. The Brooklyn Union Gas Company, in one of the shadiest deals in the annals of private utility malpractice, siphons off an estimated $3,500,000 a year through its coal-buying, coke-selling arrangement with Koppers, Inc. (key firm of the Mellon utilities empire), thereby depriving thousands of small stockholders of their dividends and enabling the company to talk "hard times" to the Public Service Commission.

ANTI-LABOR POLICY

3. The Brooklyn Union Gas Company, after tax-dodging for years to the tune of millions of dollars, has filed suit in court to block the LaGuardia administration's revaluation of its properties —yet assigns the new taxes as the principle reason for higher rates —thus seeking double payment, once from the city, once from the consumers.

4. The Brooklyn Union Gas Company, is one of the city's foremost anti-labor concerns. While asking more income, it has not raised wages in six years, pays one of the lowest scales in New York (as little as $14 a week), viciously broke a strike at its main plant in 1935, followed with a 20 per cent wage cut in 1936, and fired the president of Local 12070, United Mine Workers of America, on the very day, last August, that the union began its organizational drive amongst the company's employees.

The industrial and financial empire of the late Andrew Mellon completely controls Brooklyn Union Gas. Koppers, Inc., of Pittsburgh, holds 70,000 shares of Brooklyn Union stock. Another Mellon holding company operating in the same Pittsburgh office building as Koppers, the Esmont Corporation, owns 57,000 shares. A third, the Falmouth company, accounts for another 50,000.

The Public Service Commission has declared that the solution of high gas rates lies in the use of natural gas by the City of New York. Yet, despite the fact that cheap natural gas has been piped as close to the metropolis as Nyak, New York, the Brooklyn Union, like other gas companies in the metropolis area, manufactures its gas from coal. The coal is not purchased on the open market. There is no competitive bidding. For a generation only one company has sold coal to the Brooklyn Union Gas Company—Koppers, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pa.—at a price determined, no one knows how.

There are valuable by-products from the manufacture of gas. In addition to tar and chemicals, Brooklyn Union has for sale each year in excess of 600,000 tons of coke. John Trinchere, president of the Utility Consumers League, will tell the Commission Friday that with the wholesale price of coke at $12 a ton, Brooklyn Union sells to Koppers, Inc., for $6.08. This little deal, which Mr. Trinchere slightingly calls "highway robbery," will present to Mellon's Koppers, Inc., $3,587,540.80 this year—more than twice what the gas company demands from the consumers in its rate revision demands.

Dr. Trinchere will go even farther when he talks to the commission Friday morning. He will point out that in addition to the coal-coke deal, the company "wasted" $172,870 of consumers' money last year on radio, newspaper and magazine propaganda and on grants of $300, $500 and $1,500 to the Queens, Brooklyn and U. S. Chamber of Commerce. He will show that last year the company, despite the above poony finance, paid dividends of a million and a half dollars; that, in short, it has over six million dollars a year to play around with, yet demands from consumers unable to pay another million and a half.

Trinchere, and the Utility Consumers' League, of 933 Second Ave., with a long record of war against the light, gas and telephone monopolies, are naturally interested in publicity for their cause. Though reporters are present at each hearing, no single metropolitan daily, excepting the Daily Worker, has printed a line on the Brooklyn Union Gas Company case. Mr. Trinchere was particularly bitter against liberal (so-called) papers like the Post, which in the past have gone to bat for the consumers. Trinchere told this reporter that the N. Y. Post's change of attitude lay in the fact that it has received more advertising from the utilities in recent months than any other paper.

The office of the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York is going after Brooklyn Union from still another angle. It charges "bad faith" on this evidence:

Regarding Brooklyn Union's rates as excessive, the Public Service Commission ordered a decrease in 1933 of 5 per cent. The company stalled for four years. Then it admitted the error of its ways, settled "out of court" for a 4½ per cent decrease, rebated to all consumers; and four months later turned right around with the current demand for an increase!

NLRB TO ACT

In addition, says the Corporation Counsel's office, the company wants one schedule of valuations on its property for rate-making, another for taxing. In the 1937 rate case, the company thought $43,000,000 was a proper valuation on its properties. Yet, until 1936, the same property was listed on the tax rolls at only $23,000,000; and the company is waging a bitter court fight against the new tax revaluation. In 1937 the company put up its big gas manufacturing plant at Greenpoint, L. I., at a cost of $32,000,000. But for nine years thereafter it paid taxes on the plant at a valuation of but $8,000,000.

This week the National Labor Relations Board is expected to decide what course it will follow in the charges filed against the Brooklyn Union Gas Company by the United Mine Workers of America, according to Robert Mintz, spokesman for the union. After seven years service with Brooklyn Union, Thomas Mullen, president of the union's local, was summarily fired when the union started an organizing drive among the company's employes. At the same time, the company speeded organization of a company union, the Independent Gas Union, significantly represented in all negotiations by an attorney named A. A. Fink. Challenged by People's Press, Hugh Cottrell, chairman of the board of Brooklyn Union, denied connection with the company union saying, "We won't deal with any union if we can help it."

According to Mintz, the company, the same year it broke a strike and reduced wages 20 per cent by a readjustment of the working week, retired Mr. Cottrell at a pension of $36,000 a year, gave its President, Clifford E. Page, a $5,000 raise, making his yearly pittance $50,000, and added a new vice president to handle "labor relations" at $13,500 a year. Yet Brooklyn Union's laborers got but $19.80 a week, while even Consolidated Edison pays $32 for the same work.

Koppers, Inc., parent firm of Brooklyn Union Gas, has been exposed by the LaFollette senatorial investigation as a leading employer of labor spies and gangsters.

TO PROTEST AT HEARING

No matter how little gas a Brooklyn Union Gas Company customer uses, he must pay $1 a month. Bad as they are, the other companies charge only for the actual gas used, and will supply 1,000 cubic feet for $1. Brooklyn Union's new rates will give the consumer but 400 feet for the same $1.

Consumer actions against the rate increase have already included mass meetings, petitions to the Public Service Commission and a picket line around the Brooklyn offices of the firm last Saturday. It is expected that many consumer organizations will send committees of protest to the hearing this Friday.

Evidence that other utilities regard the Brooklyn Union's demands as a test case is seen in the fact that present at each hearing is Robert B. Grove, executive vice president of Consolidated Edison.



Road to Domestic Court Paved With Misery, Pain

By JOHN WRIGHT

A woman collapsed. We'll call her Jane Doe, as they often do in legal papers. The name is fictitious, but the person is real. It will not do her any good to reveal her identity. We are not writing a sob yarn over which the ruling clawss dames will shed a sweet tear or perhaps, moved by their noble and charitable instincts, one of them will drive her little town car into the streets of the slum dwellers and send up her chauffeur with a basket of groceries to the poor dear.

Hungry and exhausted, Jane Doe collapsed. The lines of waiting women break up. Some help the prostrate Jane Doe. Others look on indifferently, keeping their places. They, too, are hungry and exhausted.

This is the Domestic Relations Court. It's the new name for the old Family Court.

Ambulance doctor administers first aid. Jane Doe's case is one of slow starvation. Many women in the lines are slowly starving. Young and old, they seek small stipends to keep the body and soll together.

3 ANTIQUATED COURTS

The court buildings, one on East 57th Street, Manhattan, the other on Schermerhorn Street, are landmarks and firetraps. The first was constructed when Abraham Lincoln was waging war against the southern Bourbons to free the Negro slaves. The Brooklyn court is seventy-five years old. The Bronx has its own court on Grand Concourse with a fine view on the wooded thoroughfare outside and plenty of misery inside.

The three courts are overcrowded and undermanned. Until recently the inadequate staff was aided by WPA. But they have been removed. Women wait and wait and the Jane Does collapse. Women stand, sit on benches and on steps. The attention paid to them is necessarily limited.

A first grade clerk gets $840 a year. Few are appointed. The city must live within its budget. Jane Doe must live, too. But her life is not to be envied.

All departments in these courts are chronically understaffed.

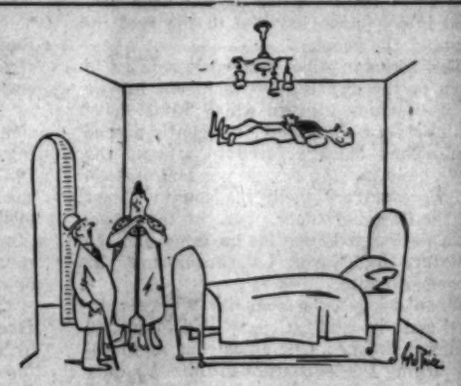
1,500 DAILY

Fifteen hundred persons call daily in front of the cashier's cage. The Court's income is $3,000,000 a year. This money is deposited in the banks which do not pay a cent for its use.

There are nine justices, each getting a least $12,000 a year. The chief clerk recieves $5,000 a year. But there is not enough money to hire clerks whose salary is $840 a year. If there were enough clerks a good deal of the distress of waiting and locaeness of system would be avoided. Perhaps even Jane Doe's collapse would be avoided.

Poverty, unemployment, taut nerves, quarrels and broken homes—results of capitalist system.

There are many Jane Does and the poor can suffer.



"He says his isolationist position is the only realistic one."

(From this week's New Masses)

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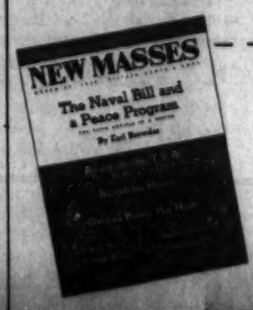
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YOU Who Read This Editorial—

• Maurice Stember, an aide of Jeremiah "Stormtrooper" Cross, is quoted as saying that Governor Lehman is being "deluged with requests" to okay the McNaboe-Devaney Bill which would bar all progressives from civil service.

We don't doubt that considerable pressure is being brought upon the governor in favor of the fascist measure. But an examination of the press reports of yesterday alone gives a good idea of what kind of people are for the bill and what kind are against it.

Reported as in favor: The American Patriots, Inc., of Greenwich, Conn.; George F. Mand, president of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

Reported as urging the governor to veto the bill: The American Labor Party; the New York City League of Women Voters; the League of American Writers; four affiliates of the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO; State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO; Local 453, WPA Teachers Local, and a list of CIO and A. F. of L. leaders too long to reprint here.

The people who love democracy are against the McNaboe bill. If you who read this editorial have not yet written or wired Governor Lehman to veto the measure, do it today. And get your organization to do likewise. A three-cent stamp can help save democracy.

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The Mayor's Proposed Sales Tax

• Chief responsibility for the sales tax proposed by Mayor LaGuardia lies on the city shoulders of the State Legislature and Gov. Lehman.

That goes for the unfortunate 10 per cent relief cut just instituted by the city administration.

The Tory Republicans and Tammany-controlled Democrats in Albany—after being glad-handed by Gov. Lehman—yawp... for "budget balancing" and false "economy." As a direct result: the city now faces one of the biggest relief crises in its history. In both instances—the sales tax and the 10 per cent relief cut—Mayor LaGuardia has been provoked into a move harmful to the best interests of the people.

The Tories in Albany callously refused to return to the city the two per cent tax on the profit-drunk utilities which would have accounted for $12,000,000 for urgently needed relief. They flatly refused to assume the state's plain duty to pay 60 per cent instead of the present criminally inadequate 40 per cent for its relief share. Both of these proposals were urged upon the governor and the legislature by Mayor LaGuardia and the Workers Alliance.

When delegations from the Workers Alliance and the State, County and Municipal Employes Union, a CIO affiliate, went to Albany urging the legislature to fulfill its duty to the people, these Tories—slavishly obedient to the banks and the monopolies—slammed the door in their faces.

The State has greater credit, greater financial stability than ever before in its history. But its assumption of responsibility for the jobless and the needy—in short for the people—has grown less and less. The City's share of relief for the first six months of 1938 will increase 13 million over the same period in 1937, while the state's share will increase about 4 million, although the state gets the larger portion of its own revenue from New York City.

This present crisis must be met. But a sales tax which has the effect of making the poor and starving pay for the poor and starving, is not the way to do it. In so far as this proposed tax places the burden of this Tory-made emergency on the poor, Mayor LaGuardia has moved unwisely.

In the first place, the unempolyed cannot finance relief for the unemployed. In the next place, the Tammany clique has provoked this step precisely because they wish to turn around and demagogically use the sales tax against the progressive city administration.

It is already clear that items in the proposed sales tax are not only unwise and burdensome on the common people, but wholly unnecessary. For example, hiking the two per cent tax on utility bills of $1.50—electricity, gas and refrigeration, etc.—fall hardest on housewives and families of the most meager income. This $1.50 minimum should be raised at least to $5.00, with graduated higher taxes on big business and banking establishments. This would raise more revenue on this item—and from the rich who can best pay it.

Monopoly plundered small business requires that the exemption of $5,000 on the financial business tax remain. Neither should the exemption on the general business tax from $15,000 to $10,000 be eliminated. The city has the power to raise the tax on big business, graduating it steeply in such a manner that it could eliminate the cigarette tax and the tax on the $1.50 utility bills. Other means can—and must—be worked out which will transfer this burden from the poor to the gold-lined pockets of the rich.

These features which add to the hunger and starvation of the unemployed and needy should be immediately repealed. Likewise, the 10 per cent cut in relief must be rescinded. Borrowing is no solution, for this again enslaves labor, the middle class and the people to the Wall Street bankers.

The people should demand a special session of the state legislature, to meet this crisis and to discharge its duty to public welfare. Trade unions, progressives and the unemployed should attend the hearings on the proposed sales tax at City Hall on Friday, before a special committee of the City Council.

The 10 per cent relief cut and the sales tax against the poor will add to the suffering of the people. They must go!

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The Discussion Opens

• Discussion on the Tenth National Convention of the Communist Party, opening in this city on May 26, has begun with the publication in the Daily Worker during the past few days of several of the draft resolutions.

The very first sentence of the resolution on "The Offensive of Reaction and the Building of the Democratic Front" (published on Monday) sets the theme for the entire discussion:

"As part of the world offensive of fascism, which is already extending to the Americas, the most reactionary section of finance capital in the United States is utilizing the developing economic crisis, which it has itself hastened and aggravated, as the basis for a major attack against the rising labor and democratic movements."

In the face of this situation, the work of the convention will revolve around the central questions of how best to build the democratic front with which to defeat the Tories in the November elections and how to mobilize the democratic forces of the world to secure and preserve world peace.

It is plain to see that a convention which deals with these problems—the most important ones facing civilization today—must be of great interest to all democratic forces extending far beyond the ranks of the Communist Party itself.

In preparation for the convention, there will be the widest discussion in all units and branches of the Party, and through special bulletins. Although we have only limited space in the Daily Worker, we shall publish much of this discussion from time to time.

The Communist Party, as an instrument for preserving democracy and leading the people along the path to Socialism, is itself built along the most democratic lines. In the discussions before the convention and in the convention itself, it will be evident that the Party is a model for democratic organization, based on the discipline of majority rule.

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A Law Which Makes America An Accomplice of Hitler

• Secretary Hull, in reply to Raymond Leslie Buell of the Foreign Policy Association, reiterates the refusal to lift the present American embargo on shipments to Loyalist Spain.

"There has been no change on the situation in Spain to warrant the President revoking the embargo proclamation of May 1, 1937," Secretary Hull explains, and he cites the neutrality law which prohibits the shipment of arms, munitions and supplies to "Spain or any other country for transshipment to Spain or for use of either of the opposing forces in Spain."

This is a most unrealistic position in the face of the stark facts of invasion of Spain by two foreign powers, Hitler Germany and fascist Italy, in face of the stark horror of fascist bombings of helpless populations which has moved Hull himself to expressions of indignation.

From Philadelphia, this month, there left a shipload of American-made bombs and explosives to go to Germany for use in just such masterpieces of horror as the Barcelona massacres. Is this the false neutrality which Secretary Hull would preserve?

Has indeed "nothing changed"? Hull's own criticism of the dangers and stupidities of isolationism rise up to challenge him. His outcry against the Barcelona bombings refutes him.

The embargo against the legitimate and democratic government of Spain was an outrage from the beginning because it gave de-facto recognition to the fascist rebellion; today it is a crime against ourselves and humanity, a piece of collaboration with the fascist invaders of Spain.

The groups which speak for reaction in America, the people who have jeered and mocked President Roosevelt's Chicago peace speech, are rejoicing today at the sudden shutting off of hearings by the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the amending of the present law. It is fright at the welcome given to Secretary Hull's peace pronouncement, fright at the rising demand of the American people for some form of collective defense of peace, which prompts the reactionaries to gag discussion on this issue.

But why should Secretary Hull give aid and comfort to these bitter opponents of the people and the administration by joining with them in their hostility to lifting the embargo against Loyalist Spain?

The conscience of America cries out for an end to the shameful and politically dangerous "neutrality," upon which fascism so much depends for its horrible triumphs.

Wire Secretary Hull and the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House demanding an end to the embargo on Spain. Let us help bleeding Spain against Hitlerism. The House hearings on "neutrality" must be reopened!

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

• It has long been known that the so-called "conquered" territory in North China was riddled by guerrilla fighting and that the Japanese invaders were on the defensive from the moment they left the narrow railroad areas.

Now the latest reports from China tell of the significant situation where the Chinese defenders are taking the offensive at several points along the very railroad lanes held by the Japanese. This means that the heroic Chinese armies are attacking the Japanese aggressors at some of their strongest points. Particularly this is true in Southern Shantung Province, where, under the command of Gen. Li Tsung-jen, the Chinese armies have beaten the Japanese bandits back along the Tientsin-Pukow railroad.



Together with the rebuff given to the Japanese throughout Shansi, especially on the north bank of the Yellow River, the wedge at least of the Japanese drive to cut the Lunghai railway has been broken.

Directly in its path the Japanese war machine is confronted with a strengthened Chinese army that not only can hold its defenses but can even take the initiative in attack and hurl back a superior military force. In its rear, the Japanese attackers are permanently harassed by the most widespread force of guerrilla fighters the world has ever seen. And the nucleus of these masses of guerrilla fighters is the former Red Army, the present 8th Route Army.

The 8th Route Army with about 200,000 of the finest trained men in China, acting in small bands, but in a coordinated fashion, arousing hundreds of thousands of workers, peasants, students and small merchants to initiate their own guerrilla fighting, has been able to slice the vital Japanese lines of communications into fragments and to break up many threats of concentrations of Japanese reinforcements.

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Even the capitalist press is beginning to see the importance of this epic achievement. But if you have been missing the special news cable published by the Daily Worker from China then you have been cheating yourself out of the best news to appear in the U. S. about what is going on in the Far East. The Daily Worker regularly has scooped the capitalist press from 24 hours to four days in reporting the most important events of the fighting in China.

The victories being reported now even by the reluctant capitalist press do not mean that the Japanese army will be definitely pushed back, and that reinforcements for them are not on the way which may change the situation by a renewed and more powerful effort to cut China in two by the capture of the Lunghai east and west railway.

However, for the first time even these Chinese gains have increased Japan's difficulties. That can be seen by the revived and hasty attempts of the Japanese to set up a puppet government in Nanking. The purpose is to begin another round of "peace" negotiations.

Meanwhile, the news from London, in this connection also, becomes more revealing in portraying the role of the Tories and the significance of their behind-the-scenes conferenees with Japan. The consensus of the dope stories and the many bits of news in the Japanese and other imperialist press is that the Tories have already reached some form of understanding with Tokio at the expense of China.

Taken together with the fact that Premier Fumimaro Konoye of Japan stated to the Japanese Diet (parliament) that not an inch of Chinese soil on which a Japanese soldier has treaded will be ceded, these reports appear correct when they say that the British Tories are ready to agree with Japan about slicing up the country, if Japan can destroy China's resistance.

The general formula discussed by the Tories and the fascist samurais is that Japan is to dominate all the territory she claims she has now conquered, provided the South of China is left to the mercy of the British friends of the fascist triangle.

The British Tory view in this respect is similar to their outlook in Spain, namely, that Japan as well as the other two allies of the fascist triangle, if they are successful in their aggressions, will need British money; and as banker, as well as chief world diplomat, for the totalitarian aggressors, the Tories believe they can dictate terms and get the Lion's share of the profits.

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In China the magnificent battle put up by as many of the 450,000,000 people who have been drawn into active defense is lessening the prospects of the fascist intriguers in the Far East.

Every day's delay in Japan's plans is extremely costly to Tokio. Mao Tse-tung, political leader of the 8th Route Army, has pointed out that Japan is now spending from 20 to 25 million yen daily ($6,000,000 to $7,000,000), and that another year of fighting will completely upset Japan's already precarious treasury.

The British Tories may be more than willing to cash in on a Japanese victory, but whether they will gamble money on financing Japan now is another matter. It is not, of course, out of the question.

We may now expect intensified diplomatic maneuvers against China as well as wholesale troop reinforcements from Japan. But China is proving herself able to meet every new attack whether it comes from silk hats or steel helmets.

VAMOSE! by Ellis



An Editorial

THOMAS SEES NAZI RAPE OF AUSTRIA 'NOT WHOLLY BAD'

• Socialist Party members must have read with embarrassed surprise Norman Thomas' estimate of Hitler's rape of Austria. The Socialist leader wrote in the Socialist Call of March 19 that **"Hitler's latest move may not be wholly bad."**

While the depredations of fascism appear to him as not wholly bad, and while he can find a mild-mannered approach to Hitler's war incitements, Norman Thomas becomes furious in his attacks on the Soviet Union for extirpating a nest of fascist spies, agents of the totalitarian war-mongers, simply because the criminals bore the label of Trotzkyite-Bukharinite.

In seeking the possible "good" in Hitler's destruction of Austrian independence, Thomas, has, of course, to destroy the facts of the situation, just as he does concerning the Moscow trial. Certainly Norman Thomas should know how ruthlessly the Nazis have crushed every vestige of workers' organization, and at what terrible costs the anti-fascists are continuing their heroic struggles; and yet he believes that an underground Austrian Socialist movement, with the iron heel of German fascism above it, "may not be wholly bad." Another point which Thomas says is not so bad is "that the nation the most immediately affected adversely by this (Austrian) move is . . . Italy."

Czechoslovakia and Lithuania are threatened by war. But Norman Thomas is preoccupied with the injury to fascist Italy.

Actually, the capitalist press has published ample reports to show that Hitler and Mussolini, regardless of temporary misunderstandings, have admitted that the Rome-Berlin axis has been immeasurably strengthened as a result of the Austrian invasion. More still. As a consequence of this agreement Spain has become the target of a more ferocious German and Italian fascist invasion. But Norman Thomas can see something that **"may not be wholly bad"** in this situation.

He does not even say that it would not be wholly bad if the anti-fascists of the world united their forces for collective action to block the path of the aggressor.

When it comes to American issues, Norman Thomas can see good in the policies of reaction at home too. The utilities' trusts assault on the T.V.A. finds a welcome response from Norman Thomas, in the same column which he makes his main target the Soviet Union.

Thus, Thomas' virulent attacks on the U.S.S.R. are balanced by a spirit of "objectivity" with regard to fascist aggressions and reactionary policies in the United States. With a bitterness and prejudice that has more in common with the enemies of American labor than with the aims of the friends of world peace and democracy, Thomas assails the Soviet Union and the entire Great October Socialist Revolution, because the U.S.S.R. successfully exposed and exterminated a band of fascist agents.

The murderous attacks of fascism in Austria, the monstrous threats of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio war alliance to world peace, and the fascist machinations everywhere leave Thomas calm and unperturbed, even Polyanna.

But when the Soviet Union lops off one of the tentacles of Fascism in the guise of the confessed and proved Bukharinite-Trotzkyite wreckers, plotters, spies and murderers, Norman Thomas springs to their defense.

Letters From Our Readers

An Answer to Tom K. Smith—

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 27, 1938.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In answer to the article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Feb. 25, 1938, concerning Tom K. Smith, we reply as follows:

Tom K. Smith, chairman of the St. Louis Advisory Board of the Social Security Commission was awarded a medal in 1932 for meritorious service in unemployment and relief.

Who awarded this medal and what for Mr. Smith's publicity admits that under his reign diets for the sick have not been provided. Car-fares to clinics have not been provided. Clothing needs have not been fully met. That the relief standard is now and always was too low and clients are sure to suffer from it. His refusal to give an opinion as to who should furnish adequate funds may be due to politics or to his contempt for those who are unable to deposit money in the St. Louis banks. His statement that $3 to $4 given to each 3,000 WPA workers proves that relief is not on a par with that of last year. He does not know what the average relief allowance is, and passes the buck with a statement of elasticity which allows for judgment of the relief workers as to what is needed.

If in clothing the minimum possible is that required for decency and comfort, why are so many children compelled to attend school stockingless, with insufficient underclothes, and no overcoats. If the coal allowance depends upon the weather, why are families only given enough to cook with, forcing large families of 7 to 9 people to cook, eat and live in the kitchen until the younger children are forced to run away from home to exist through robbery, burglary and other unlawful acts.

Mr. Tom K. Smith hides behind the alibi, elasticity for the judgment of the social workers, and an insufficient number of social workers. Disease and death in the ranks of the needy, 71,000 persons in need of employment in this district. Who awarded Tom K. Smith that medal, Hitler or Mussolini?

Let's have a city-wide relief conference of all the unemployed and interested parties to be held in our own Municipal Auditorium.

Very sincerely yours,
SCHOOL GIRL.

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Readiness of Capitalist Spokesmen to Discredit U.S.S.R.

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A brilliant and also thorough going piece of work you did on the Moscow trials.

As you indicated, the trial didn't prove such a hilarous jest as the capitalist press anticipated. It, however, revealed the tigerish readiness of the spokesmen of far-off American capitalism to jump on the Soviet workers' world.

The very fact of their lack of mass following compelled the conspirators to use great precaution to protect their bureaucratic cadres and also compelled them to depend on foreign aggression as the surest means for seizure of power. G.L.M.

'A Champion of Negro Rights, Helen Lynch'—

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is with deep regret that we send this letter, bemoaning the loss of Comrade Helen Lynch. We who have fought side by side with our dear comrade feel that it is almost useless to carry on the fight without Comrade Lynch to spur us on.

We can truly say that we as Negroes deeply feel this loss, as Comrade Lynch was one of the champions in the fight for Negro rights.

ELINOR AND BILL WALKER.

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Write Congressmen To Pass O'Connell Bill!

New York City

Editor, Daily Worker:

If every reader of the Daily Worker and every person who believed in collective security would spend a little time lining up everyone he or she knew to write their Congressmen demanding passage of the O'Connell Peace Act, we might stand a real chance of getting a foreign policy that would aid world peace. The trouble is too many people who believe in collective security say nothing and the isolationists are making themselves heard in consequence. FRANCIS HALE.

Change the World



Plowing Under American Education And Culture

by MIKE GOLD

"WHEN I hear the word Culture," says the hero of a Nazi play, "I reach for my automatic." Our American plutes are moulded of the same primitive alloy. Culture positively enrages them: it is superfluous, it shows no profit, it turns the heads of the people.

It is notorious that in the earlier days of the depression, Chambers of Commerce all over the country made a savage gang-attack on the free educational system. They shut down hundreds of grammar and high schools; they wanted to liquidate all forms of free higher education; they would have destroyed in a year what the American people had proudly built up in a century of progressive aspiration.

The Federal Arts Projects have always been under the heaviest fire of these same dollar-hunting barbarians. What furious slanders they have invented against this first great wave of mass culture! To the Rotarians, all this painting, music, writing, and drama that was being done in a thousand American regions was merely "boondoggling." They have demonstrated again what Marx pointed out almost a hundred years—that under capitalism, only the cash-nexus prevails and that all beauty, culture and truth are trampled by the feet of commercial swine rushing to their trough. The future of human culture rests only with the so-called "lower classes," and our American plutes have demonstrated this fact nobly.

What they really understand in culture is its cash-value. The only way America has acquired a chain of symphony orchestras has been through the slick salesmanship of musicians who happened also to know the Babbitt psychology, and could prove to a reluctant Chamber of Commerce that for Cincinnati or Cleveland to have a symphony orchestra in its midst was a form of civic *kudos* almost as commercially valuable in luring prospective factory-builders and national advertisers as a political convention or a pennant-winning ball team.

As to art, our Babbitts are strong for the antique, because a Rembrant painting can be sold for half a million dollars. Anything worth that much in the market is good by definition.

The Mellons, the Frank Munseys, the J. P. Morgans collect art in the same spirit with which they collect railroads and corporations. Has anyone heard of William Randolph Hearst ever helping any living artist, musician or first-class writer? The Borgias did it, but Hearst stops with Marion Davies and Howard Chandler Christy. However, he is rated among the Babbittry as a great "art patron." He owns some 15 million dollars worth of the stuff, and that's a lot of cash!

"Hearst's peculiar acquisitive twist made him the world's most lavish buyer of art objects—in quantity if not quality," says a recent magazine article. "First he himself, then his agents, roamed Europe picking up samples of every period in every country. His newspaper underlings had orders to keep him informed of every art sale, however small.

"His appetite was insatiable. He crammed armor, pottery, tapestries, paintings, sculpture, carvings, silver and furniture into his multiplex New York apartment, his pesudo-feudal duchies at San Simeon and Wyntoon, Calif., and at St. Donat's Castle, Wales. He would even dismantle an entire medieval church and ship it to America."

Even his many museum-like mansions couldn't hold the pirate loot. There are five warehouses full of it, the largest of which covers an entire block in the Bronx. But now he is breaking up the collection in order to beat the inheritance taxes when he dies. And this hoarding is the sort of art and culture the Babbitts understand easily, meanwhile attacking the Federal Art Projects, which serve millions of the common people!

Column Left



Hoover's Visit With Hitler Is Not So Innocent

by HARRISON GEORGE

IF ANY reporter of the San Francisco Chronicle would turn in such screwy publicity as its editor, Paul Smith, is turning in for Herbert Hoover, as they together traipse around Europe, said reporter would be fired.

Last Wednesday, attempting to settle the mess Hearst stirred up by saying Hoover "denounced fascism" to Hitler, Smith got off the brilliant comment that Hoover liberalism by no means is opposed to fascism. That didn't sound so well for Hoover.

Bright and early Thursday, editor Smith had got off another one. Or so it seemed from an Associated Press dispatch, which said Hoover issued a "statement" winding up his two-day visit to the capital of Nazi barbarism. "I," said the Hoover statement, "am even more reinforced in my belief in . . . a system of free economy regulated to prevent abuse and popular government."

Just like that . . . **"regulated to prevent popular government."**

Well, we understood that before, but why editor Smith should get out such a statement for his bosom friend Hoover is beyond us.

So Hoover is "reinforced" in his belief in a "free economy." Well, Mr. Hoover, how about "freeing" the national defense of the United States from your **monopoly on mercury**, made from the cinnabar ore at your New Idria Mine, here in California, **the sole domestic source** of this indispensable war material?

Perhaps Hitler's war on the Spanish people to grab the mercury mines of Almaden might have been the subject of conversation with Hoover, who has grabbed the sole source in this country. **Worth looking into.**

Hearst, of course, says that Hitler boasted of Nazi "achievements," "etching a glowing picture of Germany's economic situation." Which is some "etching." Perhaps Hearst would explain how come that Hitler's government figures show an increase of unemployed, for December alone, of 422,000?

And we wonder at the "prosperity" of farmers under Hitler, when the official Nazi paper "Deutsche Wirtschaft" (No. 5) of this year, publishes a routine statement of the Food Ministry that it has "confiscated" 12,000 acres of peasants' land for "non-payment of special taxes." And rumor has it that this land is to be given, free, to some Nazi official.

What kind of "glowing picture" could be "etched" of the unemployed in North German towns, doing forced labor with a wheelbarrow, going through alleys and streets, ringing a bell to collect potato peelings and other "edibles"?

Or, what about the smaller shop-keepers of Hamburg, who recently got notice from the German Internal Revenue Department, that they "owe the government for back taxes for 1932 and 1933, because," said the notice, "The Weimar Republican Government did not tax you enough."

For a "good, clean business administration," the Nazis take the cake. Schoenenberg, a Berlin suburb, has had five mayors since Hitler took over. Two were so crooked that even the Nazis had to jail them for graft and embezzlement. Two more had to be removed "for ignorance." Citizens expect "Nazi V" to go with the rest any time.

Yet the Hitler gang does insist on "order" and "rules." The "Deutsche Volks-Zeitung" (published in Czechoslovakia by refugees) tells how a guard at a concentration camp, a man named Moritz, was charged with **"impermissible treatment of political prisoners,"** was tried and sentenced to 15 years.

But not so fast, readers! Moritz was **NOT** charged with brutality! On the contrary, the Nazis gave him 15 years for **"being humanely decent to political prisoners."** So! But, says the paper, "Within a few hours he was found beaten to death in his cell." Just like Hoover "liberalism" with veterans!

But, of course, Mr. Hoover will not report all this when he comes back.

W.P.A. in American Literature

The National Scene, Main Theme of Federal Writers' Guides And Almanacs

The following survey of the Federal Writers' Project is the fourth in a series of features published in the Daily Worker on the influence of the Federal Arts on American culture:

By PAUL JEFFERS

In the beginning there was a picket line . . . and still another. And then there was the Federal Writers Project.

This story of the writers' going to bat on America's cultural front two and a half years ago and winning the Federal Writers Project is now being carried forward. Today the unemployed WPA scribes are girding themselves afresh for the struggle to establish a permanent cultural project through enactment of the Coffee-Pepper Bill in Washington.

To date over 100 books have been given to the public by the Federal Writers Project nationally, with 200 as the next goal, this despite the handicap of frequent delays, sabotage, lay-offs, and general skullduggery by the foes of the Roosevelt administration. Some of these books have made headlines — the "Almanac for New Yorkers," "Cape Cod Pilot," "The Armenians of Massachusetts," "The Italians of New York," "American Stuff Anthology," "American Stuff Magazine," "Who's Who in the Zoo," the great state and city guidebooks. Project exhibitions have drawn thousands to the New York Times Book Fair, to the exhibits at Macy's and at the Brooklyn Museum. New writers have been trained and developed, with more than 50 from the New York project alone finding their way back into private industry. Literature that could not be produced by private individuals has been made available to great masses of people.

The deep roots of the Federal Writers Project have made it an indispensable part of the cultural life of the country. It has helped to democratize American culture.

Combining history, folklore and the social and economic backgrounds of the American scene, the great American guide series marks a new high on the country's cultural front. The Federal Writers have packed them with as much basic content as the censorship would permit. The ghost of Ben Franklin and the echoes of Liberty Bell emerge from the pages of the Philadelphia guide. Six separate books tell of New England, both Revolutionary and modern. New Orleans, the State of Idaho, and the City of Washington are delineated and analyzed in separate guides. And "This is New York," Vol. I, of the monumental three-part New York guide (soon to appear), will be a vast interpretative picture of the greatest city in the world, from labor and industry to education, government and culture.

Books Published Throughout Country

While the tycoons of Wall Street thundered on the Right, the Federal Writers have kept knocking out home runs. And the list of valuable publications from all divisions of the national project mount. Virginia scores with "I Got a Home," a story of the Negro in the South as told by ex-slaves. South Dakota gives "Sod Busters," frontier and pioneer tales of the West. Pennsylvania adds the "Fishing Creek Confederacy," throwing light on an almost forgotten phase of the Civil War. "Lifting the Veil" depicts the progress of education for the blind, and is from the Ohio project. Louisiana compiles "Louisiana Folklore" and completes the large New Orleans guide.

The New York project also marches on, setting up milestones. The two editions of that spritely, waspish, and sometimes heckling "Almanac for New Yorkers" are among its contributions. It also produced its first racial study, the "Italians of New York," and its first book for children, "Who's Who in the Zoo."

And the score again shot upward when the anti-administration group was forced, by pressure from the writers themselves, to end its log-jam and bring out the national project's two creative publications, "American Stuff Anthology" and "American Stuff Magazine," both made up of the off-time creative writings of Federal Writers throughout the country.

This magazine offered a wonderful opportunity to crash through the wall of economic isolation which surrounds the socially - conscious young writer and which tends also to destroy the creative ability of the established penman. But the project leadership fell down in the first issue by putting it into the hands of a typical old-school arty editorial dictatorship, with none other than a politically unstable figure as its nominal head. The result has been a lack of enthusiasm on the part of workers in the art and the writers' projects for the magazine. Democracy in the editorial seat of "American Stuff" could make it a force for the betterment of contemporary American letters and for the carrying of the cultural front of WPA to ever increasing circles of readers.

Unemployed Scribes Get Jobs

But if it is true that the projects were born on the picket line, then it is equally true that they were weaned and grew to maturity on the picket line. For no month has passed without the threat of snipping, pay cuts, lay-offs, or liquidation.

One of the first of several damatic scenes took place more than two and a half years ago in the office of General Hugh Johnson, then New York director of WPA. There was no project then. For over a year the American Writers Union, the Newspaper Guild's unemployed section, and the Yiddish Writers Union, had been demanding jobs for unemployed writers. At the historic meeting in General Johnson's office representatives of the three organizations spoke with Henry G. Alsberg and presented a plan for putting writers immediately on the payroll. Result: the Federal Writers Project was set up on September 15, 1935.

Now the upsurge is in full tide again, and the Federal Writers, pointing to the array of publications they have given the public, are demanding a permanent cultural project as outlined in the bill to provide a Federal Bureau of Fine Arts sponsored by Representative Coffee.

The Federal Writers are again going to bat, and this time for just such a democratic culture throughout America.



Project exhibits have drawn thousands to the New York Times Book Fair, exhibits at Macy's and the Brooklyn Museum. Zora Neil Hurston, famous Negro writer, scanning through "American Stuff," a Writers Project publication.

HIS EIGHTH WIFE



"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" teams Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper in one of the many marriages at the Paramount this week.

New Child Film for Continental

"Children Must Laugh," a non-professional documentary feature of children in a ghetto sanatorium in Warsaw, will have its first American showing at the Continental on Friday. Only the children of the sanatorium and their parents take part in the film.

New Film on China

We have just received an announcement from Garrison Films informing us of the fact that they are releasing the film called "Death Follows the Rising Sun," a film which deals in dramatic fashion with the Japanese invasion of China and the activities of the boycott movement in America. The film deals in an authoritative and graphic manner with China's great culture and the mass educational movement. This in turn is followed by a survey of Japan and the presentation of the life of this Island Empire with a full explanation showing how the entire economy of the country is geared to the production of silk, the income of which is turned into munitions. The need and value of a boycott is then clearly set forth.

Huge Murals Planned For Workers' Bookshop

Completion of Work by Artist Roberto Berdecio Depends on Speed of Contributions Toward Fund Drive

By Jacob Kainen

The Workers Bookshop, 50 East 13th St., will soon house one of the finest series of mural panels in the city. How soon the completion and installation of the paintings will take place depends entirely upon the labor and progressive elements in New York—for reasons which should not tax the imagination of the average worker. Before we get to that, however, a few words are necessary concerning the artist and the murals.

Roberto Berdecio, the artist, brings to this work the experience of the Mexican revolutionary movement, a movement which has developed the finest mural art since Italy of the 17th century. Berdecio has inherited the best traditions of this movement, and has had, moreover, the special advantage of long training in the methods developed by David A. Siquieros. Together with the latter, he organized the Experimental Workshop in New York, where many of the novel modern devices he is employing in the Workers Bookshop murals were worked out in careful and exhaustive detail.

The murals have been conceived after long discussion meetings with members of his prospective audience, to whom he submitted his sketches, preliminary plans, documentary photographs and other material for suggestions and criticism. In this way Berdecio learned what the public's reaction was likely to be and carried his design to the point where it became a collective as well as an individual one. These discussions are still taking place and the artist intends to continue them until the completion of the murals.

The panels are being done in the advanced technical methods developed by Siquieros and the artists of the Experimental Workshop. The air gun is being used as a more modern implement than the traditional hand brush, the latter being used only in special cases for details and for textural effects. Nitrocellulose paint take the place of the traditional oil, fresco or tempera, since the artist has found it to be tougher, more elastic and quicker-drying than other media. Photographs are used extensively instead of pencil sketches in the gathering of documentary material, photos being more accurate and being able to catch the movements of modern crowds in shifting action, impossible for the pencilled sketch.

Social and Political Themes

In general, the panels (which, incidentally, are movable) concern themselves with social and political currents in the nation, special emphasis being placed on New York, with facts, figures and faces which are widely familiar.

The proposed first panel will be a "portrait" of the city, with all its social implications ingeniously expressed without blatancy or cliche. The second panel will deal with the fascist and repressive forces in the city and nation. The third will depict the labor movement and the People's Front.

I am familiar with Berdecio's work and, knowing that he is a superb craftsman with a fine imagination, I feel sure that his completed murals will create a great deal of favorable notice. The paintings will help make it possible for the Workers Bookshop, already a cultural center for progressive workers and professionals, to add enormously to its prestige. Reproductions of the murals will enrich proletarian art.

All that is needed for this cultural enterprise is the relatively small sum of $750, which must be supplied by the social-minded people of New York. As Berdecio says in his outline, "They [the panels] will not be a work of art for museums or for the appreciation of connoisseurs, snobs or professional art critics. They will be a work of art for the people, paid for and supported by the people. And because the masses play this role, it is logical that they become the critics and the jury of the murals. . . ."

Help bring these murals into existence by contributing to the Workers Bookshop Mural Fund. Make all checks payable to Irving Cress, treasurer of the fund, at 50 E. 13th Street.

Gilbert and Sullivan Favorites Seen

On Saturday evening (March 26) the WPA Federal Theatre Project's Gilbert and Sullivan Company will present two of Gilbert and Sullivan's perennial favorites, "H. M. S. Pinafore" and "Trial By Jury," at the Pauline Edwards Theatre at 23rd St.

With or Without Scenery

Mordecai Gorelik, designer of the set for "Casey Jones," will speak on "With or Without Scenery," at 5 P.M. Sunday, March 27, at the New Theatre School, 132 West 43rd St. After his lecture, Mr. Gorelik will answer questions and lead a discussion on this exciting problem of the contemporary stage.

George Sklar's Play on WPA

The WPA Federal Theatre Project has accepted for production early next fall "The Life and Death of an American," by George Sklar, it was announced today by George Kondolf, director for New York City. Charles Freeman will be director and producer.

Free to the Public

The Cinema Guild Series of the Y.M.H.A., Lexington Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City, will present "The Last Night," tonight at nine o'clock. There will be only one showing of this film. Admission is open to the public.

Spring Season at the Hipp

The Spring season of the Hippodrome Opera begins this Friday evening with "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana," Bizet's "Carmen" on Saturday evening and Verdi's "La Traviata" on Sunday evening.

AMERICAN PREMIERE



"LIFE DANCES ON" (Un Carnet de Bal), Julien Duvivier's international screen triumph, has its American premiere at the Belmont Theatre this Friday evening. Marie Bell is starred in the film.

Modern Dictionary

WHITE GUARD.—A term applied to certain Russian - born conservative, reactionary or counter-revolutionary elements immediately after the October Socialist Revolution in the Soviet Union; especially persons who voluntarily sided or fought against the interests of the Soviet people and the building of Socialism during the Civil War period in the U.S.S.R. The term White Guard later came to be applied to all Russian-born anti-Soviet, counter - revolutionary elements who originated in the Civil War period, whether these elements were now in the U. S. S. R. or abroad.

The term is said to have originated in Finland, when the guards which were organized by reaction to put down workers' demonstrations, etc., wore white armbands to distinguish themselves from the Red, or workers', guards.

WHITE RUSSIAN.—A citizen of the Byleorussian, or White Russian, Soviet Socialist Republic. White Russia, drained by the Western Dvina and the Dnieper rivers, is situated along the western frontier of the U.S.S.R., separating the Soviet Union from Poland. The capital is Minsk. White Russians constitute 80 per cent of the population, Jews 10 per cent and Ukrainians and Poles the remainder.

White Guards, enemies of the Soviet Union, and White Russians, loyal citizens of the U. S. S. R., must not be confused.

'Spring-Thaw' Frost-Bitten

SPRING THAW. By Clare Kummer. Produced by Arthur Hopkins. Settings by Donald Oenslager. Costumes supervised by Bianca Strook. Martin Beck Theatre.

By John Cambridge

The quality of Clare Kummer's "Spring Thaw," which tells the story of Willie and his wife—she thought of eloping—can be estimated from the following characteristic extracts:

(1) Willie: "I wonder if he's really a good doctor?"
Myrtle: "His father was the best doctor in New York."
Willie: "I know, but he's dead."

(2) "Servants are so much happier than we are, because all they have to do is what we tell them."

(3) Bee: "We're here because Mr. Lebard has died."
Mrs. Garsh: "He wasn't dead when he came in."

Among the chief sufferers were Roland Young, as Willie, and Mary Philips, Jane Gordon, and Lillian Emerson, as some of the other characters.

The hounds of Spring are unleashed.

Mobiles for Spain

The East Side Dramatic Group has offered the services of their four mobile units to the Friends of the Lincoln Brigade and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, due to the immediate necessity of raising funds for fascist-torn Spain.

The group is arranging several affairs throughout the East Side, including Arthur Smith's new original "End of a Cycle."

"The Charm of La Boheme"

"The Charm of La Boheme," Viennese film starring Jan Kiepura, Metropolitan Opera star, and Marta Eggerth will be held over for a second week at the World Theatre.

Health Advice

By Medical Advisory Board

Doctors of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise. Readers' questions will be offered to a doctor for reply. However, diagnosis of individual cases and prescription will not be attempted. When writing, please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Shopping For Doctors Political Themes

(Concluded)

The question about children was important because its answer showed whether there was sterility, one of the causes of which is syphilis. The abortion question was clearly misunderstood. To a doctor, "abortion" means "miscarriage" before the embryo in the uterus or womb is a fully living being, that is, before the end of the fifth month of pregnancy. One of the common causes of abortion is syphilis, for which the first and second doctors suggested a Wassermann test.

What was the relationship of the wife's possible syphilis to the husband's headaches? If syphilis was the cause of the abortion, she probably contracted the disease from her husband. In him the persistent headache might be the first sign of syphilis of the nervous system. The doctor was very simply approaching the syphilis question in the patient.

The second doctor clearly showed that he was a good doctor by asking that the patient have both blood and urine examined. These examinations are absolutely essential in the diagnosis of disease, especially a chronic disease, like the one that was causing a headache for six months. When the patient did not follow the advice of the second doctor and began shopping around for a diagnosis, the trouble started. The trouble started in the patient who now showed that he had no confidence in anyone, that he knew it all.

The rest is a well-known old story. Instead of conscientiously following the advice given by the second physician, which included an examination by an eye doctor, MacFadden's writer thought he knew more than his doctor. As a result he still has his headache.

Dots & Dashes

8 A.M.-WNYC—Masterwork Hour
3 P.M.—Guiseppe Creatore, New York State Symphonic Band
3:15-WJZ—Eastman School of Music Program
6:00-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WQXR—Concert Hour
6:30-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WMCA—Dick Fischell, Sports Review
WABC—Jack Fulton, Andrews Sisters—Hoengarten Orchestra
WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports Review
7:15-WMCA—"Five-Star Final," News Dramatization
7:30-WOR—Headlines in the News, Dramatization
WEAF—Sheafer Review
WABC—"We, the People"
8:00-WJZ—March of Time
WEAF—Rudy Vallee Hour, Guest Stars
WOR—Alfred Wallenstein, Sinfonietta
WQXR—Quality Music
WEVD—Undercurrents in the News, Bryce Oliver
8:15-WEVD—Baker's Union, Program
8:45-WJZ—Rochester Philharmonic Program
WMCA—"The Truth Behind the News, As I See It," Johannes Steel
9:00-WEAF—Good News of 1938, Robert Taylor, Master of Ceremonies, Guest
WQXR—Music and the Ballet
9:30-WJZ—Town Hall Meeting of the Air, Speakers
10:00-WEAF—Bing Crosby, Bob Burns and Guests
WOR—Hollywood Serenade
WABC—Essays in Music
WQXR—Classical Music
10:30-WJZ—N.B.C. Jamboree
WABC—Hollywood Program
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ON THE SCOREBOARD



By Henry McLemore

26-Year-Old Paul 'Daffy' Dean Tries Comeback—And Fails

BRADENTON, Fla., March 23 (UP).—It was a mighty pretty setting for a comeback.

The sun was big and warm. The sky was a dazzling blue, and thousands of the folk who knew and liked him, and were pulling for him, filled the friendly little stands and spilled out into the playing field.

Only one thing was missing to make it a perfect day for Paul (Daffy) Dean, and that was that Paul (Daffy) Dean didn't have anything to make a comeback with.

Even those first two innings, when the Boston Bees didn't get a run off him, didn't fool anyone. Paul wasn't the same Paul who came bounding up from the bushes in 1934 to win 19 games and then "fog" the ball past the Detroit Tigers for two victories in the world series.

His fast ball, a smoker, was his money ball then, just as it was in 1935, when he won 19 more. He hadn't made more than three or four throws yesterday when it became obvious that his arm injury had cost him his pay pitch. All he had was a slow, side arm curve, and it was delivered with timidity. You could almost feel him worry every time he wound up and let the ball go.

But it was the third inning that revealed his helplessness. The Bees butchered him that inning, hitting everything he threw up to the plate for nine runs. He had little or nothing on the ball. In the old days, before his arm went lame, he met troubles by rearing back and throwing it past the batters. He didn't throw a single hard one against the Bees.

When the side was finally retired, I slipped out of the press box and followed him to the clubhouse. It was empty when we reached it and Paul, sort of sagging all over, slumped down on the bench in front of his locker.

He sat for a moment and then started taking off his dirty uniform. Very slowly, like a man dead tired after a day of hunting. Watching him, I remembered his big days. When it was Daffy and Dizzy this, and Daffy and Dizzy that. When every kid wanted his autograph. When he could and did hold out for fat contracts. When the pay checks zipped in like his fast one, and everything was bright and rosy.

Now, there he sat on a bench. His comeback a failure. No contract of any kind. Through for good, perhaps, at 26, just when he should be coming to his peak. Just a big country boy from Texas, who never was Daffy, but got called that just because we sportswriters had to have something alliterative for Dizzy. Never did anything Daffy in his life. Just a quiet plodding fellow who liked to be left alone.

It was Paul who broke the silence. He looked up, and remembering me from last spring when I "tried out" with the Cards, said:

"Durn, I'm tired."

I asked him if his arm hurt him—if the bothersome kink came back.

"No, it just got tired. Awfully plum tired. I couldn't hardly wind it up, it was so worn out."

Did he think the strength would come back?

"Don't know. Can't tell. Sho' wish it would, though."

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Nobody Knows Whether the Gas House Gang Will Be Good or—

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 23 (UP).—Page Houdini, Cardini and Thurston. Set up communications with the spirit world and get out the crystal ball. Today we are in the camp of the St. Louis Cardinals.

If ever there was a polyglot collection of ball players, good, bad and indifferent in a baseball camp, they can be seen any day here in Waterfront Park. There are from 40 to 60 of them—nobody knows who belongs to the Cardinals or one of the farm clubs—and even Manager Frankie Fritsch has to yell "Hey, you," to some of the boys he doesn't know.

It may be said without fear of contradiction that Joe Medwick will play left field for the Cardinals and that Johnny Mize will hold down first base. After that, brother, you are on your own, barring of course the pitching staff, which seems at this time to be more than promising. Indeed, the Cards' chain gang may have turned up a couple of rookie southpaw sensations in gawky Max Macon and Max Lanier, both from the Columbus American Association Club.

The catching staff is a joke, with Mickey Owen, one of the most overrated youngsters ever to hit the big top, as the No. 1 man.

Mize's playmates in the infield may not be known even to Frisch until the season opens. He hopes Stu Martin's health will let him play second, that Don Gutteridge, a third baseman who played short late last season for the first time in his life, will learn how to play the short field before April 19, and that Art Garibaldi, who hit .327 at Sacramento, will plug the third base gap.

The outfield problem isn't so acute. Medwick, the National League's batting champion and most valuable player, will play left and Enos Slaughter, who batted .384 to lead the American Association in hitting and who is called the prize package of the 1938 training season, will play right. The center field job will be divided between Pepper Martin, who'll play about 100 games, and Terry Moore, who hopes to improve his .267 batting average. French Bordagaray and John Hopp, a .307 hitter from Rochester, are tabbed for the utility outfield jobs.

Behind Dizzy the Cards have Lon Warneke, looking great this spring; Bob Weiland, the big southpaw; the two bright young lefties, Max Macon and Max Lanier; Bill McGee, a demon in the American Association; Guy Bush, a costoff; Si Johnson, a relief artist and spot man; Roy Henshaw, who has made a big impression on Frisch; and Ray Harrell, who hopes to do better than his record of three won and seven lost last year.

The team has punch with Medwick, Mize and Slaughter pounding the pill, speed with Pepper Martin, Terry Moore, Gutteridge and Bordagaray around, and pitching with Dizzy Dean, Warneke, Weiland and the youngsters on deck. But it's still a problem club—it may finish anywhere from first to sixth.

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Pepper Martin and his hillbilly band swinging it during a practice session at the St. Louis Cards camp in St. Petersburgh. Left to right, Martin, with guitar; Bordagary, musical washboard; McGee, violin; Warneke, jug, and Weiland, guitar. The boys have been on the air and go over big.

Farr Wants to Follow Baer Comeback Formula

Wife and Babe on His Mind—To Quit Ring for 6 Months—Calls Baer Harder Hitter Than Louis

HOLLYWOOD, March 23.—A natty Tyrolean hat pulled down over a still puffy eye and a former showgirl clinging to one arm, Tommy Farr of Wales came to Hollywood today and explained why he suddenly decided to marry.

The explanation was—Maxie Baer.

"Marriage and a son made a fighter out of Baer," Farr said. "I'm hoping the same combination can do as much for me. But, mind you, it's all very sudden."

Britain's vertical heavyweight arrived in a heavy wind this morning, and in approved Hollywood manner. His plane was an hour late, but even after it landed Farr didn't move until all other passengers had debarked and the cameramen were ready for him.

"This trip was just a quick idea," he confided. "I proposed marriage on the plane. It was a little more fun that way, and quite a bit different. I think we'll like it here. We intend to stay for several months. I have had 43 fights in three years, more than one a month and I need a rest.

"However, we won't be married here. That will take place in England."

Miss Wenzel nodded agreement.

Farr was emphatic on two points: he has no film ambitions and no intention of fighting for about six months.

"Films?" he pointed a thick finger to numerous scars around his eyes and nose. "Not with this face.

"And no fights for a while either. I'm too tired. But I intend to start training for a comeback after we're married."

Finally, he explained the little matter of losing to Baer in New York.

"He was improved, but everything happened in the third. He got me off balance with a left hook and followed with a hard right. I went down—the first time I ever had. The punch did more than hurt; it gave Baer the confidence he had lacked. He was twice the fighter for the rest of the bout.

"Baer is a hard puncher, harder than Joe Louis. I don't know too much about that, though. Louis didn't hit me often enough. I still think I shaded him and should have been given the decision."



TOMMY AND BRIDE

TONITE

L.I.U. meets Union of Virginia in another Negro-White college basketball game tonight at Renaissance Casino. Dancing afterward.

More Than 150 Union Ball Teams in N. Y.

By Roy Parker

As the weather becomes more and more conducive to playing baseball, the number of teams sending their entries to the Trade Union A.A. keeps skyrocketing upwards.

At this writing more than one hundred and fifty hard ball teams will either be entered in the T.U.A.A. leagues of intra-union leagues affiliated to the T.U.A.A. In addition there will be many softball teams, for men and girls.

Several unions, like the Transport Workers Union, have large leagues in the union itself. The T.W.U. is running a one hundred-team league. And, along about the end of the season, all of this activity is going to culminate in a bang up playoff series.

One team has already announced its intentions of winning the local labor baseball trophy . . . and for the second time in a row. That optomistic bunch of trade union diamond artists carries the banner for Local 32-B of the Building Service Employes International Union.

All plans are pointing to May 7 on which date all the local labor leagues get into action. There's a bustling and a scurrying going on around many a union headquarters these days that spells only one thing . . . baseball.

The first batch of trade unionists will reach their training camp this Sunday when the first squad of Meat Cutters gets into action at Central Park. Pre-training reports from manager Joe Cohan indicate that the Meat Cutters are out to drop the "Brooklyn Dodgers" nomme-de-guerre that was given them as a result of their basketball performance.

Finnish Teams in National Tourney

The cream of the Finnish-American basketball crop takes part in the Finn.-Amer. national playoffs at the Hecksher Foundation, 104th Street and Fifth Avenue, Saturday and Sunday.

Teams from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York will take part in the program which begins at 7:30 Saturday night and continues Sunday afternoon. The men's quintets represent New York City, Newcastle, Pa., and Norwood, Mass. Girls' outfits from Brooklyn and Warren, Ohio, will complete the slate.

Hank in Movies

HOLLYWOOD, March 22 (UP).—Paramount Studio announced today it has signed Angelo (Hank) Luisetti, Stanford University's great basketball ace, to a contract to star in a series of college pictures.

ST. LOUIS 'CHAIN GANG' BROKEN UP BY LANDIS

300 Minor Leaguers Made Free Agents After Expose of Tieups—Cedar Rapids Was Go-Between—Protests Forced Action

BELLELAIR, Fla., March 23 (UP). — Judge K. M. Landis, high commissioner of baseball, today destroyed the tie-up between the St. Louis Cardinals and some of its minor league baseball clubs.

Landis made free agents of all but one player on the Cedar Rapids, Ia., club in the Three-Eye League. He said that players on four other minor league teams obtained by them directly or indirectly through St. Louis and Cedar Rapids also would be declared free agents.

In acting against the Cardinals and their far-flung farm system—known in baseball circles as the "St. Louis Chain-Gang"—Landis said in a seven-page decision.

"The fundamental indispensable basis in every team's operation, both major and minor, is the unquestionable integrity to competition within the league. Obviously doubt of that must arise if players of two or more clubs competing in the same league are controlled by the one organization or the power exists thereby to regulate and control competition of those clubs."

Baseball men believe the Cardinals have a working agreement with Cedar Rapids, Ia., whereby the Cards control players in many minor leagues. Landis, after a sweeping investigation, has tried to break up that purported combine. It is no secret that Landis long has been opposed to the Cardinal system.

Cedar Rapids reputedly had working agreements with those clubs but was reported to have cancelled them because the Cardinals also had agreements with other teams in those leagues. That apparently was the tie-up Landis struck at.

Landis said that Cedar Rapids from now on would not be permitted to make working agreements with St. Louis or its affiliates or in any league where St. Louis has a club.

Dodgers, Yanks Win

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 23 (UP).—A six-run rally in the ninth inning, topped by Lew Riggs' homer with the bases packed, fell one short and the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Cincinnati Reds, 14-13 today. The defeat broke the Reds' winning streak at six in a row.

Kiki Cuyler, ex-Red, headed the Reds' attack with a brace of homers and a single. His homer in the first with one on, led a Dodger five-run spree. His second came with the bases empty in the second.

Clearwater, Fla.:
Cincinnati (N) .. 020-201-016—13 18 1
Brooklyn (N) .... 510-100-700—14 13 1
Kleinhans, Barrett, O'Flynn and Hershberger; Hamlin, Butcher and Phelps, Spencer.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 23 (UP).—The New York Yankees topped the Boston Bees, 6-2 today for their second win of the season over the National Leaguers.

The wildness of two Boston pitchers rather than heavy hitting gave the Yankees the victory as Niggeling held them runless for the first five frames. Seven passes issued by Weir and Errickson in the seventh and eighth innings were mainly responsible for four of the New York runs.

Bradenton, Fla.:
New York (A) .... 000-000-223—6 9 1
Boston (N) ..... 000-100-100—2 8 1
Donald, Vance and Jorgens; Niggeling, Weir, Errickson, Bajas and Mueller.

A's ROUT GIANTS

BATON ROUGE, La., March 23 (UP).—The Philadelphia Athletics celebrated Connie Mack Day here today by thumping the New York Giants, National League champions, 19-9.

New York (N) .. 101-101-115— 9 15 2
Hoss and Brucker; Baker, Coffman, Vandenberg and Danning

Orlando, Fla. (10 innings):
Detroit (A) ..... 003-002-001-5—9 16 2
Washington (A) . 100-200-000-6—4 9 2
Rowe, Gill, DeShong, Doyle and York; Weaver, Phebus, Kohlman and R. Ferrell.
Los Angeles:
Chicago (N) ..... 202-021-000—6 14 0
Chicago (A) ..... 010-012-000—4 9 0
French and Hartnett; Whitehead, T. Lee, Stratton and Sewell, Schlueter.

Amerks, Canadians Off To Playoff Lead

The New York Americans and Montreal's Canadiens were away to a headstart in the Stanley Cup playoffs for the world hockey championship.

The Americans defeated their New York rivals, the highly favored Rangers, 2-1, Tuesday night in the opening game between the National League's runner-up clubs. Les Canadiens downed a stubborn Chicago

WORKERS' ORDER VICTORS



SMILES OF VICTORY: Samuel Pevzner, National Youth Director of the International Workers Order gives Al Popoff, captain of the Jinx Club Team of Philadelphia a congratulatory hand right after the team's victory of New Haven Olympics. The victory makes the Philadelphia team the Eastern champions of the I.W.O. They will play for the national championship, at the I.W.O. 4th National Convention, Pittsburgh, April 23.

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